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SUGAR DOCK AFTERNOON
In a dazzling display of youthful abandon, this young man leaps from the old Japanese Sugar Dock in Susupe into the southern part of the Saipan Lagoon Monday afternoon as his friends watch.
MARK FARMER

CEC denies request of Palacios-Apatang's team for their poll workers to participate

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The Commonwealth Election Commission has denied the request of the team of Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, to allow their poll workers, poll supervisors, and poll observers to participate in the Nov. 25 runoff election.

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$480K settlement in Turkish workers' suit vs IPI

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REPORTER

The parties in the lawsuit filed by a group of Turkish workers against Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC for allegedly failing to pay them wages required under the Fair Labor Standards Act have reached a $480,000 settlement.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued a 15-page decision order last Monday, approving an FLSA settle-

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REPORTER

Early voting for the runoff election that pits gubernatorial candidates Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios against one another

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World population hits 8 billion

By DAN IKPOYI and CHINEDU ASADU
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—The world's population is projected to hit an estimated 8 billion people on Tuesday, according to a United Nations projection, with much of the growth coming from developing nations in Africa.

Among them is Nigeria,

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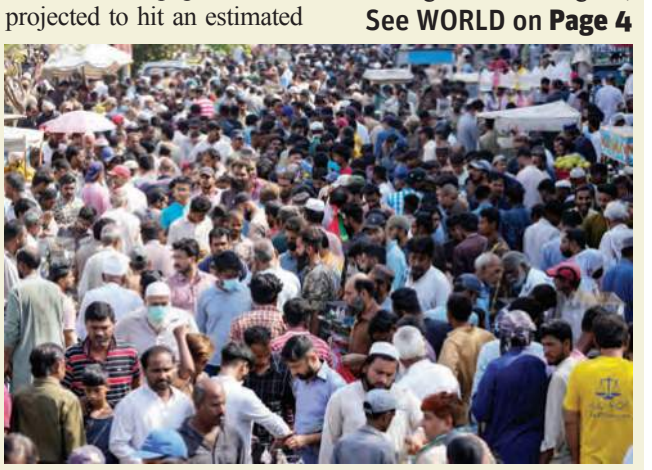
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Local

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, with Office of Planning and Development deputy director and Garapan Revitalization Task Force chair Christopher A. Concepcion, the staff of OPD, the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Division of Environmental Quality, and local partners, pose for a souvenir picture yesterday after the proclamation of the week of Nov. 13-19, 2022, as CNMI Recycles Week.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Nov. 13-19 is CNMI Recycles Week

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has declared the week of Nov. 13-19, 2022, as CNMI Recycles Week, in conjunction with the celebration of Nov. 15 as America Recycles Day, which began over two decades ago.

The proclamation encourage everyone in the CNMI community to acknowledge and take part in the efforts to combat climate change, promote sustainable living, and protect the environment for the Commonwealth's future generations.

"…We affirm our commitment to preserving our precious resources, working toward more sustainable production, consumption, and disposal practices, and creating a healthier and cleaner world," states part of the proclamation. "The Commonwealth acknowledges the significance of the continued prosperity of its citizens who call these islands 'home' and takes part in this unified call to global action."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Recycling Economic Information Report published in November 2020 reveals that recycling is a critical part of the U.S. economy that created 681,000 jobs, increased $37.8 billion in wages, and generated $5.5 billion in tax revenue.

"The CNMI is committed to taking the necessary action and expanding our Commonwealth's efforts in combating climate change by reducing, reusing, and recycling waste, which will create more jobs for our people and unlock a door of possibilities and increased economic output here in our islands."

The proclamation noted that Tinian has been leading efforts to assess and implement zero waste management opportunities.

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

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A public hearing will be held on:

Date: Nov. 29, 2022
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: Theater Room, Visitors Center, American Memorial Park

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, Nov. 28, 2022. Please send written comments via e-mail to zoningboard@cnmizoning.com. via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 5911 Chalan Pale Arnold, Chalan Laulau (former IT&E).

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Amended Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Chairman

THANKFUL FOR RECOVERY

Volleyball tourney celebrates people in recovery

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People who are in the midst of recovery from alcohol, drugs, and other addictions, together with their supporters and advocates, came together last Saturday at the Tronkun Da'ok Pavilion in Susupe for a volleyball tournament that celebrates their journey.

The "Thankful for Recovery" tournament was spearheaded by a person in recovery, Jun Santos, in collaboration with the recovery committee composed of Haggan/Woong United for Recovery, H.O.P.E Recovery Center, Substance Abuse, Addiction, and Rehabilitation Program, Community Guidance Center, and Women of Destiny, along with the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association.

The five teams that competed include the Aceholes, Chuukese and Cream, Saaranara, Ninja Woong, and DCP, with team Aceholes coming out with the first-place prize sponsored by the recovery centers.

Santos, who is now a volunteer at the H.O.P.E Recovery Center, said he started coordinating an event "originally to just kind of celebrate my one year sobriety because I've never done that before…but when I was coordinating this, I realized that I didn't make it this far with my sobriety all alone. So I just decided that since it's November and Thanksgiving is coming up, that I'm just going to coordinate this as a recovery Thanksgiving for people in recovery."

He also shared his struggle with addiction and ongoing one year recovery story during the tournament. He was incarcerated, but upon release he was able to get the help he needed and reached out to the CGC. He went through 10 months of outpatient treatment but had several relapses, "so I decided to try out residential treatment at H.O.P.E Recovery Center, but I relapsed the once when I went out. …The last two days that I was drunk and high on meth was on Nov. 6 and Nov. 7, [2021]."

Santos said that for about a year now, he's been providing volleyball equipment to their physical recovery days every Monday, Wednesday and Sunday. People in recovery come out to play volleyball at Micro Beach on Monday and at the pavilion in Susupe on Wednesday. On Sunday, they play softball.

"I really believe that having a lot of these physical [activities] help us to stay busy, to have fun, and to stay connected in recovery so that we don't go back. …A lot of us are used to being on meth all the time, losing so much weight, barely eat[ing], but now we're in recovery, we're gaining body weight so I think without all of these physical stuff that we do, we'd probably be fatter," said Santos about the importance of physical recovery in their recovery process.

Team Aceholes and Chuukese and Cream pose for a photo after the Thankful for Recovery Volleyball Tournament held last Saturday at the Tronkun Da'ok Pavilion in Susupe.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jashlie C. Reyes, peer lead coordinator at the Haggan/Woong United for Recovery, said of the event that "most of the people playing are people in recovery right now and the supporters and staff from different recovery agencies. It's nice, it's fun. Everybody comes out and gets together with their family members and friends. We just unite as one, no matter what recovery center they're from. So, it's a good experience; it brings everybody together."

Throughout the day, participants also held a pot-luck—a sober one with no alcohol, just food and nonalcoholic beverages.

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Torres challenges Palacios again to a debate

» Governor says one of his concerns is that if Palacios-Apatang wins, gov't retirees will not get 100% benefits paid

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres again challenged Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios yesterday to a gubernatorial debate, saying one of his and Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan's (R-Saipan) concerns is how Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, will be able to pay 100% benefits to government retirees.

"I'm appealing to him [Palacios], that it's not about me. It's to give the opportunity for voters out there to hear what you also have to say, what you have done, what will you continue to do?" said Torres during a press conference at the Republican Party's headquarters in Garapan.

The governor said he has taken care of the retirees, but he is also concerned that if someone else handles this, how can they get their 100% benefits.

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres gestures as he explains his views, while his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), listens during their press conference at the Republican Party's headquarters in Garapan yesterday afternoon.

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where resources are already stretched to the limit. More than 15 million people in Lagos compete for everything from electricity to light their homes to spots on crowded buses, often for two-hour commutes each way in this sprawling megacity. Some Nigerian children set off for school as early as 5 a.m.

And over the next three decades, the West African nation's population is expected to soar even more: from 216 million this year to 375 million, the U.N. says. That will make Nigeria the fourth-most populous country in the world after India, China and the United States.

"We are already overstretching what we have—the housing, roads, the hospitals, schools. Everything is overstretched," said Gyang Dalyop, an urban planning and development consultant in Nigeria.

The U.N.'s Day of 8 Billion milestone Tuesday is more symbolic than precise, officials are careful to note in a wide-ranging report released over the summer that makes some staggering projections.

The upward trend threatens to leave even more people in developing countries further behind, as governments struggle to provide enough classrooms and jobs for a rapidly growing number of youth, and food insecurity becomes an even more urgent problem.

Nigeria is among eight countries the U.N says will account for more than half the world's population growth between now and 2050—along with fellow African nations Congo, Ethiopia and Tanzania.

"The population in many countries in sub-Saharan Africa is projected to double between 2022 and 2050, putting additional pressure on already strained resources and challenging policies aimed to reduce poverty and inequalities," the U.N. report said.

TORRES

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is right around the corner and the incumbent governor is urging the public to look at the facts when choosing their next governor.

Speaking at the side of a Lion's Club ribbon-cutting ceremony yesterday, Torres said if you look at the facts, overall he is the better choice. "If we're talking about history of experience in running a government, in my time as governor, I navigated the CNMI through a number of disasters, including typhoons Soudelor, Yutu, Mangkhut, and recently [the] COVID-19 [pandemic], and the CNMI remains strong," he said.

Torres also challenges the community to consider, when they're voting for governor, who will be there for the community if another disaster hits.

"Analyze facts, not misinformation. Not other innuendos, just facts. Who's going to wake up early in the morning to go to work? Who has a partner that can go to work? If the governor leaves, think of who can take up the role and can do the work both in the office and on the field," he said.

"Look at the facts, look at my drive for the community. Where was I during the pandemic? I was out there in the community, with our first responders helping the community. Just ask yourself, in the next typhoon or disaster, who do you think is going to be out there with the community, with our employees? Who will be out there for you and knows exactly what you need? I guarantee you it is the Torres/Sablan administration," Torres added.

In addition, Torres said the fact is that he has "all the energy in the world" to carry out his gubernatorial duties, and is well versed in the needs of the CNMI.

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ment between IPI's former Turkish construction workers and the casino investor.

According to Manglona, as of last Monday, IPI paid a total of $480,000 to the plaintiffs' attorney for the FLSA collective action claims, as well as attorney's fees and costs.

"Because the plaintiffs' counsel has received the full payment for the FLSA claims, the satisfaction of the FLSA judgment will be entered on the docket in this action," said Manglona.

The Turkish workers who filed the FLSA suit against IPI back in 2020 are represented by attorney Richard Miller. The plaintiffs are Özcan Genç, Hasan Gökçe, Süleyman Köş, and 26 other unnamed Turkish workers.

The plaintiffs filed the complaint on behalf of themselves and other similarly situated H-2B workers who were recruited from Turkey in 2019.

According to the complaint, IPI kept sending its Turkish H-2B workers to the construction site to work for months on end without paying them on time, or at all, in violation of the FLSA.

When the workers walked out, IPI allegedly retaliated. Then, when they sued in federal court, IPI didn't even come forward and defend itself.

The H-2B construction workers from Turkey—represented by Ozcan Genc, Hasan Gokce and Suleyman Kos—filed this lawsuit against IPI and IDS Development Management & Consultancy in the U.S District Court for the NMI last November 2020.

They claim they were forced to eat Chinese food (which reportedly violated prior guarantees that they will be served Turkish food), not paid the minimum wage and overtime, and were allegedly not paid their salaries for multiple payrolls. The workers also accused the defendants of retaliation for the workers' protest actions.

IPI allegedly promised the Turkish workers that it would hire a cook who could prepare the kind of food suited to them. They were also promised above-minimum wage, substantial overtime pay, and roundtrip tickets.

However, the workers said the meals IPI gave them were Chinese food that were "practically inedible" for Turkish people so they ended up buying their own food and cooking for themselves. It was not immediately clear if their opposition to Chinese food was for other than the reason they cited in the complaint.

Aside from IPI allegedly breaking its promise to hire a cook that specializes in Turkish food, the group stated they also weren't paid the wages they were promised.

When the workers stopped work on Sept. 11, 2020, for three weeks of protest, they said IPI stopped providing them drinking water and internet services at their barracks and stopped their access to company vehicles.

Democratic Party chair Quitugua retires

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Democratic Party chair Daniel Quitugua has decided to retire from his post after 52 years with the party and on the heels of the loss of the party's gubernatorial candidates in this year's general election.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Quitugua told media partner that he has made up his mind about retiring from the Democratic Party to focus on issues that would make a difference for the CNMI.

"I just made my decision public with respect to retiring from being a member of the Democratic Party. I have been with a Democrat for about 52 years. Some may speculate that my reason for retiring was the defeat of the Democrats, and to some extent, yes. When you sit down and look at the situation, after devoting so many years [with the party] and trying to make a difference in the CNMI, and the people of the Commonwealth decided otherwise, you have to sit down and analyze where you're at and what you want to do next," he said.

Democratic Party chair Daniel Quitugua seaks at a press conference yesterday. KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

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CEC

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This developed as CEC prepared yesterday all packages for the absentee voters, while an Office of the Public Auditor staff verified those packages.

CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol disclosed yesterday that they're just going to stick with the election law that states that they need to get their poll workers listing from the two recognized parties—the Republican Party and the Democratic Party.

Igitol said the unified independent team of Palacios-Apatang is not a recognized political party and that CEC sent a notice Monday about their decision to Oscar Babauta, who chairs the executive committee of Palacios-Apatang.

At the CEC board special meeting Friday, Babauta and lawyer Michael Evangelista told the board that the unified independent team should be allowed to submit names from their side to be part of the election process in each polling place—poll workers, poll supervisors, and observers—to protect the integrity of the electoral process.

In her letter to Babauta Monday, Igitol said that Palacios and Apatang are not statutorily authorized to submit a recommended list of poll workers for consideration under the Commonwealth Code because they are not from a fully recognized political party.

Igitol said the Commonwealth Code states that "the executive director shall employ poll workers and poll supervisors necessary to conduct elections and administer the commission's other duties and responsibilities."

The statute further states that "such employees shall be hired from lists of individuals recommended by the recognized political parties in such a manner as to ensure a fair representation of all recognized political parties in the total cohort. All such employees shall receive training and certification in procedures, ethics, tasks, and responsibilities prior to being assigned any duties."

Thus, Igitol said, based on the statute, the CEC will only employ poll workers recommended by a recognized political party, such as the Republican Party or the Democratic Party.

Babauta, however, is welcome to coordinate with one of those recognized political parties to submit recommended names of poll workers for the runoff election, "until such time that the statute is amended to include non-recognized political parties or independent, non-affiliated candidates," she added.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), of the Republican Party, topped the Nov. 8 general elections, but failed to gain a majority, paving the way for the Nov. 25 runoff race between Torres-Sablan, and Palacios-Apatang.

RECYCLES

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Development Plan supports the 10-year Sustainable Development Goal that by 2030, 50% of the recyclable waste stream will be diverted from CNMI's environmentally-compliant waste management facilities on Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands with diverted waste composted, reused, or sold to support sustainable waste management systems. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

More than 200 TJSHS volunteers help complete MSP Campus Beautification

GCEA

A total of 233 students and staff of Tinian Jr./Sr. High School pose for a souvenir picture after participating in the Marianas School Pride Campaign's Campus Beautification contest from Oct. 28 to Oct. 30. The TJSHS Stallions were able to clean and repaint the school's sidewalks and curbs.

Led by Marianas School Pride advisers and ambassadors, 233 students and staff of Tinian Jr./Sr. High School took part in the Marianas School Pride Campaign's Campus Beautification contest from Oct. 28 to Oct. 30.

As part of the MSP Campus Beautification contest, the TJSHS Stallions were able to clean and repaint the school's sidewalks and curbs.

The MSP Campaign is part of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' school outreach program that engages students, advisors, and school administrators to improve the quality of their campus life and to take pride in where they live, learn, and play.

The Stallions, which is what TJSHS students call themselves, spent three hours on the first day cleaning and repainting the front part of their campus, and 85 students and staff spent a few hours on the second day finishing the first phase of the project.

"The students were excited and inspired to be part of a caring community and have that good feeling of ownership of a safe and clean environment," said Lizabeth Hofschneider, TJSHS principal. Hofschneider is also the school's MSP adviser.

The TJSHS's successful turnout could not have been possible without the support of the students. Hofschneider stated that the TJSHS Student Council organized a point system for all participating classes for every school function.

"The STUCO put in place a point system for all participating classes on all activities, fundraisers, and pep rallies. This includes the MSP campus beautification. STUCO will total the points, and the class that earns the most points will be named the best class of the year at the end of the school year," said Hofschneider.

To complete their project, the TJHSH Stallions will expand their efforts to the left side of the school front. The TJSHS will soon see a bright, yellow parking lot that will improve visibility for all motorists.

When asked about the importance of beautification, Hofschneider said a beautiful, clean environment brings pride and ownership that students can enjoy every day.

"Getting involved in beautifying our school brings pride and ownership to the clean environment that we can enjoy every day. That pride becomes an inspiration to come to school every day and enjoy learning and spending time with friends," said Hofschneider. "To all our students in TJSHS, keep up the good spirit of working together to attain our goal to make our alma mater the most beautiful and cleanest school in the CNMI!"

For more information or to participate in the Marianas School Pride Campaign or to become a sponsor, visit the GCEA website at cnmieconomy.com or contact the Council at gceacnmi@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Fee waivers for Nov. 17 NMC info session participants

Individuals who participate in Northern Marianas College's info session on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, will qualify to have their NMC spring 2023 admission application fee and English and math placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to $75.

The info session will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Olympio T. Borja Library at the college's As Terlaje campus. The session will cover topics that include financial aid options and admissions.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science in education (concentration in early childhood education, elementary education, rehabilitation and human services, or special education), bachelor of science in business management (concentration in accounting or without concentration); associate of arts in business, associate of applied science in business administration (emphasis in accounting, business management, or computer applications), associate of applied science in hospitality management, associate of arts in liberal arts (emphasis in education, health and physical education, preengineering, social work, or without emphasis), associate of science in nursing, associate of science in agriculture, associate of science in natural resource management, associate of applied science in criminal justice, and associate of science in fire science technology. The certificate programs at NMC include basic law enforcement, business management, computer applications, early childhood education, fire science technology, hospitality operations, nursing assistant, and small business management.

NMC's spring 2023 semester will begin on Jan. 17, 2023. A list of the classes that are offered can be found at www.marianas.edu. For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at (670) 237-6769/70/71/72 or email oar@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

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CNMI SBDC to host Small Business Night at NMC again

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Individuals who are looking for gifts to buy for the upcoming holiday season are invited to visit the CNMI Small Business Development Center's Small Business Night at the Northern Marianas College on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022 from 5pm to 8pm.

Thursday's event will feature local entrepreneurs and their products and services:

Find curated holiday gift sets by Islandry670, Chiku Chiku, Neni Girl Nails, Bonitu Basula, Candle J Saipan, and LP Beautyy.

The event will also feature amazing home decor by E&R Enterprises, Seasoned with Hafa Adai, and Cherrymoon Co.

Build up an appetite for food products to be sold by Tyler's Gelatte Stone, La Mesa Kusina, El Bishu, Chagi Norf Kitchen, Saipan Snaps, LLC., and Camille's Cookies and Crumbles.

Get ready for the holiday season with clothing by Masisu Athletics and Mijana Official.

The holiday season would not be complete without family photos. Book a session with Samantha Salamon Photography or book Bobole's Novelties & Rentals for your next holiday party.

The event will take place at the NMC Mango Terrace (located in the center of NMC's campus). For each purchase made, patrons will receive one free ticket for a chance to win raffle prizes donated by the vendors.

Interested small businesses may contact mercilynn.palec@marianas.edu for vendor information or call (670) 237-6888. ***(NMC)***

File photo shows patrons of CNMI Small Business Development Center's Small Business Night in May visit a vendor. The CNMI SBDC will be hosting another Small Business Night on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022.

NMC

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Hotel One Saipan

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board Public Hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Hotel One Saipan is proposing to register and occupy the existing former Victoria Hotel for its "Hotel/Motel/Guest House" Use. This use permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 001 D 13 & 001 D 14 in the village of Garapan. This area is zoned as Garapan Core.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: Nov. 29, 2022
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: Theater Room, Visitors Center, American Memorial Park

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, Nov. 28, 2022. Please send written comments via e-mail to zoningboard@cnmizoning.com. via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 5911 Chalan Pale Arnold, Chalan Laulau (former IT&E).

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Amended Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Li's Limited Corporation

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board Public Hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Li's Limited Corporation is proposing to construct a structure measuring **64' (L) x 68' (W) x 26' (H)** for its Lift Machine, Repair & Overhaul and Detail Area and to Occupy existing buildings on the property for its Paint Booth and Office Building. This use is classified as "Vehicle Repair, General" and is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 1835NEW-2-R2 & 1835NEW-2-5R/W in the village of Chalan Laulau. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

SPP, LLC dba CSP Farm

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board Public Hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. SPP, LLC dba CSP Farm is proposing to occupy a portion of an existing building measuring **13'.7" (L) x 8' (W) x 13' (H)** for its "Cannabis Retail" Use. This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 039 L 50 & 51 in the village of Obyan. This area is zoned as Rural.

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Saipan Roasting Company

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board Public Hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Saipan Roasting Company is proposing to occupy a space within an existing building measuring **26'.6" (L) x 34'.2" (W)** for its "Manufacturing & Processing" Use. This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 006 D 27 in the village of Garapan. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Westlake Motor, LLC

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board Public Hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Westlake Motor, LLC is proposing to renovate and occupy former San Roque Fire Station measuring **65' (L) x 58' (W)** for its Auto Rental with Staging Use. This use is classified as "Auto Rental Office with Staging" and is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 008 B 35, 008 B 54, 008 B 47 R/W, 008 B 46, 008 B 49 in the village of San Roque. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

WU, YUEXIAN

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board Public Hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Wu, Yuexian is proposing to stage a Cargo Container to construct a structure measuring **40' (L) x 27' (W) x 9'.8" (H)** for its Single-Family Dwelling Use. This use is classified as "Mobile Home" and is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 009 H 33 in the village of Chalan Kanoa. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

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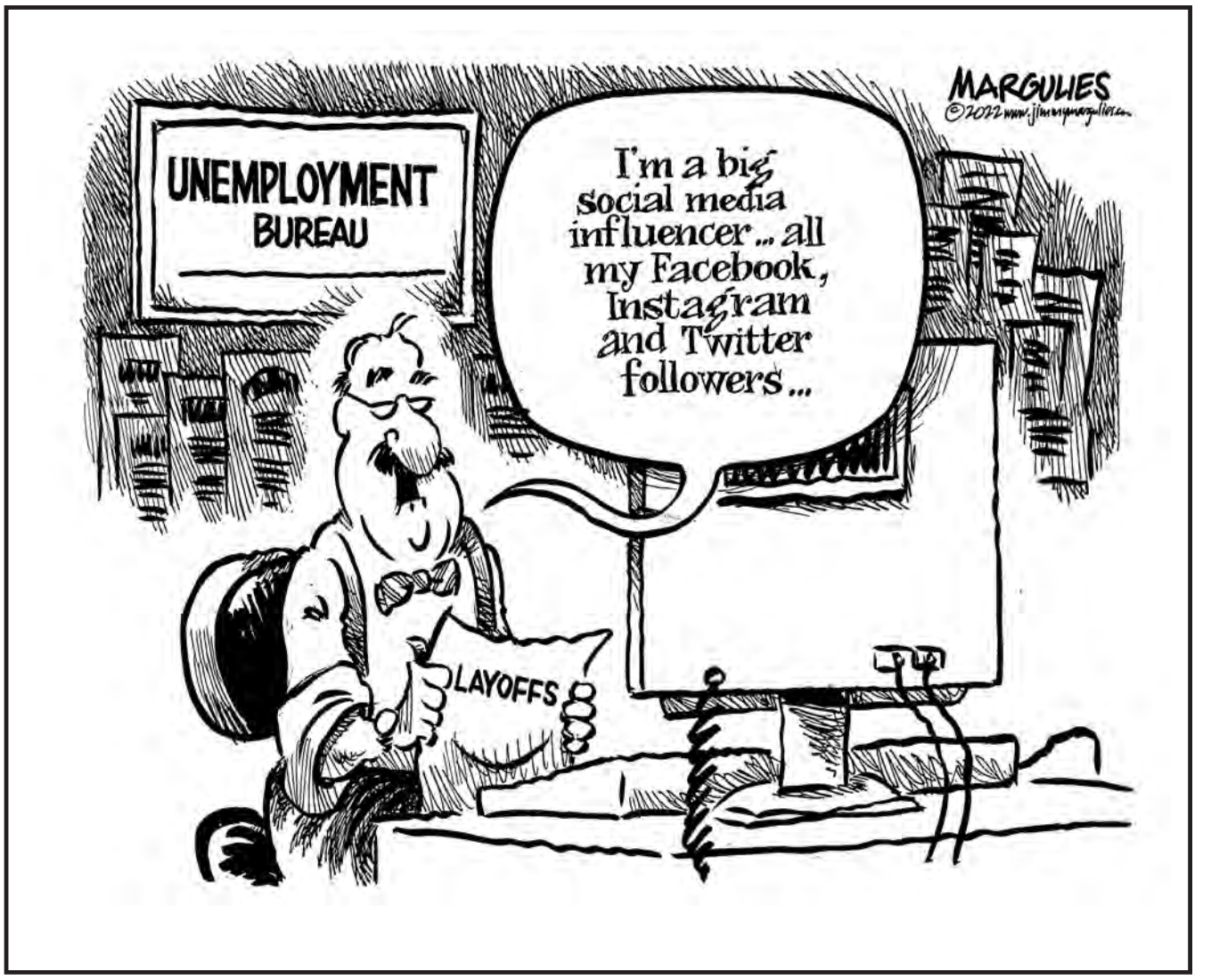

EDITORIAL

The results speak for themselves. It's time for Republicans to can Donald Trump

Former President Donald Trump's name wasn't on the ballot in the midterms. But his presence—for better and worse—reminded us of a blimp in a circus tent, set to deflate.

In his tireless effort to prove his enduring influence as a political kingmaker after refusing to concede following his 2020 loss, Trump endorsed more than 330 candidates, held some 30 rallies and raised millions of dollars. Many of his picks were inexperienced and otherwise flawed candidates, but all passed his litmus test, a willingness to defend the former president's bogus claims of a stolen 2020 election.

Yet, after raising expectations of a "red wave," the Republican Party failed to deliver much more than a pink ripple. A striking number of the candidates who had won Trump's coveted endorsement were defeated, including nominees for governor and Senate in Pennsylvania and for governor of Michigan, New York and Wisconsin.

Despite high inflation and President Joe Biden's shaky approval ratings, the predicted landslide turned into a cliffhanger with control of the House still not known.

The Republican disappointment also ignited something new for Trump since he became the GOP's de facto leader: Open calls for him to step aside, and to refrain from running again, so his party and the nation can move on.

Although Trump predictably lashed out online in his standard fashion at "fake news" and "enemies of the state," it is not so easy to dismiss such prominent conservative critics as the Rupert Murdoch-owned New York Post, Wall Street Journal and Fox News, a number of Trump's fellow Republicans and conservative allies, noting how much his political brand had grown toxic, producing underwhelming results in three consecutive election cycles.

"Trump Is The Republican Party's Biggest Loser," read an editorial headline in The Wall Street Journal. "Trump is the past," said host Stuart Varney on Murdoch's Fox Business Network.

And with tabloid-style subtlety, the New York Post ran a full-page election night photo of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who handily won reelection without seeking Trump's endorsement, with the headline "DeFUTURE."

They're not joking. DeSantis surfed to reelection on his own statewide GOP tide, strengthening talk that he may take on Trump for the nomination in 2024. At a rally the previous weekend, Trump rewarded DeSantis' new prominence—and possible rivalry—with the sort of nickname he branded earlier rivals: "Ron DeSanctimonious."

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The question that matters most after the midterms

By CLIVE CROOK
Bloomberg Opinion

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Democrats performed much better than expected in the midterm elections last week. I should concede at the outset that I was among those who expected (and hoped, for reasons I'll come to) that they'd be more firmly rebuked. I also acknowledge that this surprise raises a very good question: How did pollsters, pundits and even most Democrats get the forecast so wrong?

Interesting as this is, it isn't the most important question. What matters most is whether last week's results will help the country mend its broken politics. It's possible—but only if Democrats and Republicans alike decide to try. That makes it a long shot.

Certainly the results are a setback for Donald Trump, which is a good start. Many of the candidates he backed—including Mehmet Oz and Doug Mastriano in Pennsylvania, Don Bolduc in New Hampshire and Tudor Dixon in Michigan—did badly. And Trump's strongest rival within the party, Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, a target of the former president's threats and insults, won reelection by a landslide.

The upshot is that Republicans might finally realize that Trump is the Democratic Party's most valuable asset. Some might even find the courage to distance themselves.

Yet Trump will take a lot of dislodging. Whatever happens, he can expect to retain significant support among Republican voters, so he could wreck the party's chances in the next election if he ran as an independent. The idea that he would step aside to unite the party behind a different candidate and deny Democrats their win seems absurd: He has no such party loyalty or larger political purpose, and at any rate his vanity precludes it. Only if he comes to believe he'd face humiliation might he step away—perhaps endorsing a Democrat on the way out.

Could that be what the midterms are suggesting? That the Democrats, more popular than the polls led people to think, are now securely on course for victory in 2024? Unfortunately, no. The red wave didn't happen—but that doesn't solve the underlying problem.

Despite Trump and his weak candidates, despite the right's extremists and election deniers, this is still a closely divided country. (And by the time the vote-counting is over, it might be more deeply divided.) The path to normal, semi-functioning politics is unlikely to come by means of commanding Democratic victories or a thorough repudiation of Trump and Trumpism, neither of which is plausible under current conditions.

In fact, the Democrats' overperformance in the midterms may make matters worse. A red wave might have forced the party to reexamine its platform and priorities and ask how it could better appeal to uncommitted voters. These results absolve them of that need. They can continue to think—wrongly, in my view—that their platform and priorities are fine.

In an alternate universe, of course, both Democrats and Republicans would read the results as an appeal for more orderly and effective politics. They would recognize that in a closely divided country which separates government powers, this requires compromise and accommodation. And that, in turn, would require them to see the other as an opponent, not a mortal enemy. Republicans would have to dump Trump and Trumpism. Democrats would have to listen more attentively and empathetically to voters who disagree with them.

For steps in this direction to be imaginable, Republicans would have to temper their zeal for investigations (assuming they end up controlling the House) and the president would have to stake out areas of possible agreement. Sadly, regarding the latter, the incentives are misaligned. To repeat, Trump and Trumpism are helping, not hurting, the Democrats. It might serve the public interest to engage Republicans in areas of policy where agreement is possible, hence treating them like responsible and productive politicians—but even supposing Republicans were willing to go along, this wouldn't serve the Democrats' tactical interests.

The real question is whether President Joe Biden can rise above such political calculations. To date, he hasn't been willing, and in his post-election comments on Wednesday he offered little encouragement. To his credit, he wasn't unduly triumphal about his party's performance, and he said he'd invite Republican leaders to discuss working together. But he was specific in ruling out compromise on several issues (including abortion, Medicare and Social Security) while mentioning none where it might be possible. Asked what he would do differently given that three-quarters of Americans think the country is moving in the wrong direction, he said: "Nothing."

That won't be enough.

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GCEA expresses appreciation for Gov. Torres' leadership

The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers wishes to express its appreciation for the leadership of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres in establishing the strongest linkage with the Marianas' private sector and for the collaboration that has resulted from it over the last two years.

GCEA was created in 2020 in the midst of a global pandemic with the recognition that the Marianas economy needed a concerted effort to stabilize and rebuild the private sector. However, GCEA was not the first attempt at incorporating small business needs within the government.

GCEA was created by Gov. Torres following a review of the many past attempts to ensure small business partnership with the government that relies on a stable and flourishing economy. Many prior attempts failed to establish strong partnerships and resulted in a decadeslong continuation of government and the private sector operating apart. The creation of GCEA in this administration, and through the commitment and leadership of Gov. Torres, showcased, for the first time in generations, that partnership with the Marianas' small business community and the larger private sector is possible and beneficial for the entire Commonwealth.

Gov. Torres, as co-chairman of GCEA, has led the charge in the implementation of many of the private sector recommendations, laying the groundwork for the tremendous successes of the Public Private Partnership initiative that has seen over 98 private sector and community organizations adopting the transformation of 119 of the Marianas' public sites and facilities, the establishment of the Marianas School Pride campaign in 11 schools, the creation of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority, and the resumption of tourism arrivals through South Korea and Japan, the building of new markets in Australia, among many others.

The efforts of this administration have brought greater community involvement into our tourism sector and revitalized public parks, beaches, facilities, and accommodations. We have seen greater emphasis on proactive economic development aimed at encouraging the types of investments we need for the economy to prosper. We have all been recipients of the economic stimulus payments that supported the needs of families and provided resources for individuals to shop and support employment opportunities for residents. We are all beneficiaries of new roads and resources connecting our community and supporting commerce through the finalization of Isa Drive, the creation of the Route 36 Cross Island highway, construction of Industrial Drive improvements to Beach Road, and the establishment of the Marianas' first federal marine highway.

All of these efforts build upon the foundation of an administration eager to work with the private sector on the most pressing issues facing our economy. Through Gov. Torres' willingness to bring the voices of small businesses and the private sector into critical conversation of policy, the Marianas has accomplished significant achievements. In this administration, we all saw the accomplishment of the only successful 902 consultations with the federal government, with the only two successful consultations happening within the Torres administration. These consultations with both the President Obama and Trump administrations tackled the significant issues of militarization, labor and immigration, and access to critical tourism markets. Through commitment and persistence of Gov. Torres in engaging with the private sector and the federal government, military training activities now better support economic development on Tinian and the Northern Islands, immigration reform for the Marianas was signed into law, and the Marianas will remain open to the world's largest tourism markets.

Government cannot operate successfully without a strong private sector comprised of both the small and medium-sized businesses that operate in the Marianas. But the private sector, and the many employees that rely on it, require a government that understands and supports its success. Operating a successful business in the Marianas requires tourism and the access to regional markets. quality roads to connect customers with stores and products, affordable interisland air service to connect Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, access to and training of workers, reliable healthcare and utilities, and a commitment of public resources to ensure public sites are maintained for all residents and visitors.

As GCEA enters into its third year of existence in the Marianas, we can look back to the success of this government in creating a strong economy. Today, we see greater access to tourism markets, more quality roads, greater connectivity between the islands with the start of Marianas Southern Air, the largest ratio of U.S. workers in the labor force, 65% higher wages for employees, 24% reduction in poverty levels, better healthcare options and services, more renewable energy and significant investments within our power system, and a fostering of community ownership in our public sites and schools.

We wish to thank Gov. Torres for committing to a strong partnership with the private sector that has seen these things become a reality, and for partnering toward our shared goals of advancing the standard of living for all residents of these islands. These past two years has been a remarkable success for all who reside in the Marianas, and accomplishments such as these and the many we have seen deserve recognition and appreciation. Thanks in large part to Gov. Torres for understanding and listening to the needs of the Marianas private sector, our economy and our community is stronger, employees have greater opportunities, individuals are earning a higher income, and we are on our way to creating the CNMI to become a world-class destination.

Thank you, Gov. Torres, for embodying the spirit of GCEA's motto and believing that Together, We Can. ***(PR)***

Amata highlights World Diabetes Day

By AUMUA AMATA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Aumua Amata (R-A. Samoa) is the delegate of American Samoa in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Nov. 14 was World Diabetes Day.

Along with millions of people around the world, including the thousands that have been affected in our own community, I would like to highlight World Diabetes Day 2022.

This day is about reaffirming our commitment to combat diabetes through new research and community education. As the member of Congress for American Samoa, I also remember today the many members of our community who have been afflicted by this disease. We know all too well the toll that this disease can take on our loved ones, our families, and our communities. We must all commit to doing our part to tackle diabetes head on, whether it be through educating ourselves, friends, and families or through raising awareness elsewhere. For me, I will never stop fighting for more healthcare resources for our community, including a new hospital that will better serve all of us. May God bless our territory, and may He provide healing to the many people fighting this terrible disease.

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Trump also mentioned as a potential rival his former Vice President Mike Pence, who has an autobiography coming out, a possible confirmation that Pence, too, is considering a presidential bid.

Needless to say, there are numerous other potential contenders waiting in the wings. But the former president has a way of sucking up all the oxygen in the room, even after he has worn out his welcome.

Or, as conservative commentator Jonah Goldberg, a Trump critic, wrote in 2016, the former real estate developer has put his party in the position of mice who, as a group, want to bell the cat, but no individual mouse has been brave enough to try it alone.

Let's hope the Grand Old Party finally is beginning to realize they need to take on the big cat and stand as a party for principles, not just a person, and move on.

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Why the inflation rate isn't as bad as you think

By JAMES K. BOYCE
Progressive Perspectives

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Inflation is a hot-button issue, and its political fallout can be huge. Some think that the hyperinflation during Germany's Weimar Republic in the 1920s—when, at a trillion to the dollar, the German mark literally was not worth the paper it was printed on—contributed to the rise of Adolf Hitler. Current U.S. inflation is not remotely comparable, but pollsters say it helped to sway voters in the midterm elections in favor of the Republicans.

We hear that inflation is "soaring" not only on Fox News but also in the pages of the New York Times. We are told that the inflation rate has remained "stubbornly high" at 8.2% over the past 12 months.

Yet the inflation rate in recent months tells a very different story. From the beginning of July to the end of September, prices rose by only 0.5%—equivalent to an annual rate of about 2%.

Why the difference in numbers? Imagine that you've been speeding down the highway at 75 miles per hour for 45 minutes, then you turn onto congested city streets and have been averaging 15 mph for the last 15 minutes. How fast are you driving now? The common-sense answer is that you're doing 15 mph. But measured over the last hour, you're doing 60.

The arithmetic of 12-month inflation rates is more stubborn than inflation has been. Even after slowing down, it takes time for your speed over the last hour to come down, too. But it makes no more sense to claim that inflation is "soaring" now than it would to say that you are accelerating through stop-and-go traffic.

The 12-month inflation rate is a useful measure for some purposes, like comparing trends across countries or over long time periods. What doesn't make sense is to use the 12-month rate to claim that the current level of inflation is either rising or falling.

The causes of this year's inflation are a legitimate matter for debate. Supply-chain disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, exacerbated by the war in Ukraine, have played a role worldwide. The power of mega-corporations to raise not only their prices but also their profit margins, now at their highest level in 70 years, added fuel to the fire.

Stimulus spending under the Biden administration has raised inflation, too, though an extra bump in prices may have been worthwhile to support hard-pressed families, rebuild our decrepit infrastructure, and possibly head off a depression.

The reasons that inflation has cooled off in recent months are also open to debate. The Biden administration's decision to tap the Strategic Petroleum Reserve had an impact: Gasoline prices fell more than 20% from the beginning of July to the end of September. Interest rate hikes by the Fed began to dampen demand—which, although not the ideal fix for supply shortages, is the main inflation-fighting tool the Fed has at its disposal, recalling the old adage about every problem looking like a nail when the only tool you've got is a hammer.

But whatever the causes, we ought to be able to get the facts straight. And the fact is that rather than soaring, inflation has actually eased—and eased a lot—in recent months. Fevered reports of runaway inflation are misleading, with political repercussions that could go well beyond number games.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
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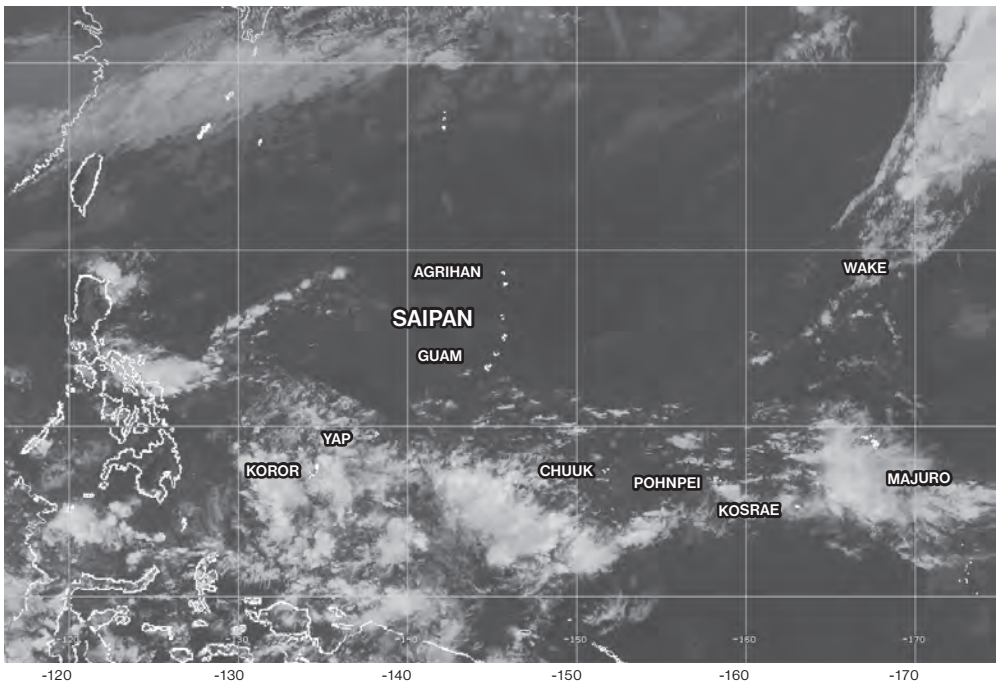

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:20 AM	5:43 PM
Sunday	6:20 AM	5:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:30 PM	-
Thursday	12:08 AM	1:09 PM	-
Friday	12:58 AM	1:46 PM	-
Saturday	1:47 AM	2:22 PM	-
Sunday	2:37 AM	2:58 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Cloudy	71° / 62°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	56° / 30°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	76° / 72°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	83° / 72°
London	Rain	54° / 47°
Los Angeles	Sunny	72° / 48°
Manila	Mostly Sunny	90° / 78°
Melbourne	Showers	56° / 49°
Miami	Sunny	83° / 74°
New York	Sunny	47° / 44°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	62° / 48°
Paris	Rain	56° / 52°
Busan	Sunny	64° / 46°
Rome	Thunderstorms	66° / 51°
Salem	Rain	59° / 41°
San Francisco	Sunny	64° / 43°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	56° / 37°
Tokyo	Sunny	63° / 46°
Washington, DC	Rain	46° / 39°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
6:45 AM	Low Tide	0.02
2:54 PM	High Tide	1.58
9:01 PM	Low Tide	1.09
-	-	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

Jack in the Box franchises in Guam, Hawaii now owned by Seattle group

GUAM—Seattle-based Jack in the Box franchise operator PARS Group LLC has acquired the franchise for Jack in the Box restaurants in Guam and Hawai'i from Blue Pacific Management. The acquisition marks PARS Group's entry into the Guam and Hawai'i markets.

"We're pleased that a strong franchise operator of the Jack in the Box brand will continue the excellent work Blue Pacific Management has done over the years to build our brand in Guam and Hawai'i and make it part of the local communities," said Tim Linderman, SVP chief development officer of Jack in the Box Inc.

PARS will continue to operate the 28 Jack in the Box restaurants in Hawai'i and two in Guam, with local favorites such as the Portuguese sausage & egg with rice breakfast platter remaining on the menu. PARS will keep in place all the current Jack in the Box employees, which numbers about 800 people combined in Guam and Hawaii and is currently seeking new applicants across all locations. The newest Jack in the Box location opened along Marine Corpo Drive in Tamuning in August 2022.

Go to GotJack.com to learn more. PARS is also expanding the Jack in the Box presence in the islands in the near future with a new Ala Moana, Hawaii location opening in early 2023. PARS will also continue Jack in the Box Hawai'i's support for University of Hawai'i Athletics.

"Jack in the Box's involvement in the local community was one of the things that really attracted us to this opportunity, and we look forward to building upon those relationships," said Paul Urbina, co-founder of PARS Group LLC. "We are very excited to become a part of the Guam community and share the Hafa Adai spirit."

Blue Pacific Management acquired the Hawaii Jack in the Box stores from Jack in the Box Inc. in 2006. The company continues to own and operate the Jamba Juice franchise in Hawai'i, which has 28 locations on O'ahu, Maui, Hawai'i Island, and Kaua'i.

Learn more about available franchise opportunities with Jack in the Box by visiting JackintheBoxFranchising.com.

About PARS Group LLC

PARS Group LLC, based in Kirkland, Washington, was founded in 2011 and is a Jack in the Box franchise organization with locations in the United States and Canada. The company is a sponsor of the Seattle Mariners and Seahawks and partners with the professional baseball and football teams in charitable events.

About Jack in the Box Inc.

Jack in the Box Inc., founded and headquartered in San Diego, California, is a restaurant company that operates and franchises Jack in the Box, one of the nation's largest hamburger chains with more than 2,200 restaurants across 21 states, and Del Taco, the second largest Mexican-American QSR chain by units in the U.S. with approximately 600 restaurants across 16 states. For more information on both brands, including franchising opportunities, visit www.jackinthebox.com and www.deltaco.com. ***(PR)***

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
POPULATION HEALTH SERVICES
RFP23-CHCC/PHS-001

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOV 18th, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

"COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (CHA), COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) AND POPULATION HEALTH SERVICES (PHS) STRATEGIC PLANNING"

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN DOWNLOAD THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM THE CHCC WEBSITE [WWW.CHCC.HEALTH]. ONCE AT THE SITE, NAVIGATE TO **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** TAB ON THE LEFT NAVIGATION BAR. CLICK ON THE URL FOR THIS RFP. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER DATA TO ALLOW US TO TRACK ALL REQUESTS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

THE CHCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSAL AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN ANY PROPOSAL, IF TO DO SO SHALL BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHCC. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION.

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ CORA P. ADA
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

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Request for Proposals for: CPA Concession No. CRS-2022-01

Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport "Car Rental Concession" CPA-RFP-011-22

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA" or "Authority") is soliciting proposals for the award of one (1) concession granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport ("Car Rental Concession"). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for a period of eighteen (18) months (contract to end on 05/31/2024) upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-011-22 is **October 12, 2022**, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to Commonwealth Ports Authority, Attn: Car Rental Concessions Evaluation Committee, CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and submitted to and received by the CPA Administration Office (second floor of arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport) **by or before 4:00 p.m. on November 22, 2022**, at which time the proposal period shall expire. Proposals must be accompanied with a non-refundable administrative fee of $100.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, or cashier's check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority to defray the costs associated with handling and considering the proposal. Proposals are not required to include a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to cancel this RFP and to reject any and all proposals in accordance with its Concession Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 40-70).

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of	:	
ROSA ORONIGO PEHNOS,	:	CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-0031
Deceased.	:	

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 12, 2022, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Rosa Oronigo Pehnos in and to the following property:

Legal description of the property:
Lot no. 011 G 1476, situated in Kagman III, Phase I, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 852 square meters, more or less, as shown on DLS Check no. 011 G 29 dated April 15, 1994, recorded at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File no. 94-1217 on May 11, 1994, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Total area of the property:
852 square meters, more or less

Known encumbrances:
A mortgage in favor of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation dated April 5, 2011, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 11-0606

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, December 9, 2022, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 19th day of October, 2022.
/s/
MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS
Tel.: (670) 234-3751 • Website: www.dpl.gov.mp • Email: dpl@dpl.gov.mp

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot 182 E 01 containing an area of approximately 4,545 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A map showing the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Triple Star International Corporation. The lists of officers for Triple Star International Corporation are Wei Gang Xiong, as President, Zhang Qing, as Corporate Secretary.

iii. The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by the officers and directors of Triple Star International Corporation, mainly Wei Gang Xiong.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of the providing recycling services that collect, recycle, and market scrap materials, and the retail sale of electronics and appliances.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the PM Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before November 18, 2022 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannåna'i nutisia guini put i intension-ñiha para u ma'atkila metton na tanu' puppbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattidå intirisao gi halum hiniråt pupbliku siña muna'hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Komu mapribeni mås mo'na ginen i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesi na infotmasion manisisita para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi komu Lot 182 E 01 ni kunsissisti kåsi 4,545 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi hålum Lower Base, iya Saipan. I måpa ni ina'a'annuk i påttin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan gi website i www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee i Triple Star international Corporation. I listan nu ufisiåt siha para i Triple Star International Corporation sa si Wei Gang Xiong, komu Presidenti, si Zhang Qing, komu Sekritåriun i Corporate.

iii. I maproponi na atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha yan ginen manegosiu ginen i ufisiåt yan direktot nu i Triple Star International Corporation, mayotmenti si Wei Gang Xiong.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha' na rason mampribebeni setbisiun recycling ni ha rikokohi, recycle, yan mambendi scrap materials, yan i retail sale nu ilektroniks yan appliances.

I tema nu i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon sa' bentisingku (25) åñus na tiempu.

I maproponi na atkilon gi kada' såkkan gi durântin i teman kuntråtan i atkilon mapega gi put sientus i bålin "appraised fair market" i propiedåt yan i aplikåpbli na put sientus nu Business Gross Receipts gi halum regulasion i DPL.

v. I kopian i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, ni gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan, primet (1st) na bibiendan i De'Ana Commercial Building, giya Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet (1st) na bibiendan nu i PM Building, giya Tini'an. I kopia debi lokkui' na u managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. I Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya marisibi ni håfa na tinahguin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atkila i suhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritåriun Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u aksepta tinigi' upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manintirisão na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Nubembre 18, 2022 gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Sa'ipan, Luta pat Tini'an.

ARONGORONGOL TOULAP REEL KKAPASAL PPWOMWOL ATKKILOONOOL

Sángi Tálil 106 (b) reel Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap e isiisiwow arongorong reel igha re mángemángil rebwe atkkilaay akkááw faluweer toulap me Seipél, Commonwealth me Téél Falúw kka Efáng. Le meleyir toulap re tipáli rebwe isiisilong aar ischil kkapas, data, views, ngáre ángiingi reel liiwelil ppwomw kkal ngáli faluweer toulap. Eyoor sángi Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, arongorong ikka e amwirimwiritiw ebwe akkatééwow:

i. Ppwomwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap e lo bwe Lot 182 E 01 e ffat bwe maat yeel nge 4,545 reel square meters, eghus ngáre maas, iye e lo Lower Base, Seipél. Móópal bwuléy yeel eyoor me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me wóól website www.dpl.mp ngáre u mwuschel amwuri.

ii. Ppomwol schóól atkkilóón nge Triple Star International Corporation. List-al officers ngáli Triple Star International Corporation nge Wei Gang Xiong, bwe Presidente, Zhang Qing, bwe Sekkretóóriyol Corporate.

iii. Ppwomwol atkkilóón nge e angúúngú fengál me mwóghutughutúl DPL me eyoor abwungubwungúl sángi officers me director-il Triple Star International Corporation, spesiatmente Wei Gang Xiong.

iv. Schóól atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw ebwe yááyá falúw ngáli mwóghutughutúl ayooral alilisil "recycling" iye ebwe bweibwogh, "recycle", "market scrap materials", me akkaméélól "electronics" me appliances".

Ppomwol abwungubwungúl atkkilóón nge ruweigh me limoow ráágh.

Ppwomwol atkkilóónol ghal ráágh nge e lo reel percentage-il "appraised fair market value" reel falúw fengál me "applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts" llól mwóghutughutúl DPL.

Pappidil pommwol abwungubwungúl atkkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh mereel Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building llól Dandan, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial Building, Apilómwol Songsong, Luuta' ngáre 1st floor reel PM Building, Tchiliyól. Ebwal yoor pappidil mille online me www.dpl.gov.mp

v. Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye e siiweli falúw iye re apasa me Lower Base, Seipél.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap emmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angii ngáre pommw iye re siiweli sángi schóó kka re mwuschel wóól ngáre mmwalil Nobembre 18, 2022 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me Seipél, Luuta, ngáre Tchiliyól.

Water tanks donation relieves summer droughts in Chuuk village

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Guam has donated 14 water tanks to Mechitiw, a village community in Chuuk on the main island of Weno, helping alleviate the seasonal summer drought in the area.

The church's Asia North Area Church leaders, John A. McCune and William H. K. Davis, accompanied by their wives, presented the donation on behalf of the church to Mechitiw's traditional chief Sitango Dawe and clan leaders last Nov. 11, 2022. Dawe presided over the formal presentation of the 14 water tanks, filters, and 5-gallon bottles of filtered water.

In the winter season there is plenty of rain for their water catchment systems that stocks rainwater in large tanks for the community's use. When the dryer summer comes, there are times the rain is not sufficient to fill the tanks, which creates a drought situation for the village. They have had issues with drought in the past and so the village leaders got together to try to alleviate this issue.

Isuwen Lukas, secretary for the Mechitiw community, reached out to William H. K. Davis at the Guam Humanitarian Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with a proposal requesting 14 water tanks to solve the drought problem.

The church, working with member Joseph R. Green, handled the details of ordering the water tanks and assisting the community in getting the water tanks delivered. These tanks will provide the community with a clean source of water for drinking and cooking. The community does not have direct access to city water and can only obtain water delivered to each household through a request from the local water company for a charge, or by rainwater catchment.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mechitiw traditional chief, clan leaders and representatives, and N. Asia Area Church leaders with senior missionary couple living in Chuuk pose in front of the donated water tanks.

The tanks will be installed by the community. Where possible, there will be rain gutters installed to catch rainwater as well.

The project has taken several months to get to where the tanks have been delivered and placed strategically throughout the community.

"The group presence in our community today is an historical moment. This is the community's first humanitarian assistance through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I'm very appreciative for today," said Lukas.

Micronesia Guam Mission president Masaru Okuda and his wife, Megumi, and senior missionary couple Elder and Sister Green, who has been living in Chuuk since Aug. 1, also attended the presentation. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting

Nov. 29, 2022 | 3:00 PM
Theater Room, Visitors Center
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www.cnmizoning.com

AGENDA

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of 11/29/2022 Meeting Agenda
4. Adoption of 05/04/2022 Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comments (not for items to be discussed in item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings:

1. **Conditional Use Application #2022-0001** – Li's Limited Corporation is proposing to construct a structure measuring **64' (L) x 68' (W) x 26' (H)** for its Lift Machine, Repair & Overhaul and Detail Area and to Occupy existing buildings on the property for its Paint Booth and Office Building. This use is classified as "Vehicle Repair, General" and is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 1835NEW-2-R2 & 1835NEW-2-5R/W in the village of Chalan Laulau. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.
2. **Conditional Use Application #2022-0002** – SPP, LLC dba CSP Farm is proposing to occupy a portion of an existing building measuring **13'.7" (L) x 8' (W) x 13' (H)** for its "Cannabis Retail" Use. This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 039 L 50 & 51 in the village of Obyan. This area is zoned as Rural.
3. **Conditional Use Application #2022-0003** – Saipan Roasting Company is proposing to occupy a space within an existing building measuring **26'.6" (L) x 34'.2" (W)** for its "Manufacturing & Processing" Use. This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 006 D 27 in the village of Garapan. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.
4. **Conditional Use Application #2022-0004** – Wu, Yuexian is proposing to stage a Cargo Container to construct a structure measuring **40' (L) x 27' (W) x 9'.8" (H)** for its Single-Family Dwelling Use. This use is classified as "Mobile Home" and is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 009 H 33 in the village of Chalan Kanoa. This area is zoned as Village Residential.
5. **Conditional Use Application #2022-0005** – Westlake Motor, LLC is proposing to renovate and occupy former San Roque Fire Station measuring **65' (L) x 58' (W)** for its Auto Rental with Staging Use. This use is classified as "Auto Rental Office with Staging" and is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 008 B 35, 008 B 54, 008 B 47 R/W, 008 B 46, 008 B 49 in the village of San Roque. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.
6. **Conditional Use Application #2022-0006** – Common Wealth Cannabis Co. is proposing to occupy a portion of the first floor of an existing structure measuring **44' (L) x 22' (W)** for its "Cannabis Retail" Use. This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 008 H 28 in the village of Chalan Kanoa. This area is zoned as Tourist Resort.
7. **Conditional Use Application #2022-0007** – Hotel One Saipan is proposing to register and occupy the existing former Victoria Hotel for its "Hotel/Motel/Guest House" Use. This use permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 001 D 13 & 001 D 14 in the village of Garapan. This area is zoned as Garapan Core.

C. Miscellaneous

1. Administrator's Updates
2. Permit & Enforcement Report
3. Next meeting

F. Adjournment

In an effort to provide public access to this meeting during this pandemic, the Commonwealth Zoning Board will host this meeting via:

Zoom Video Communications
Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/6853007492
Meeting Code: 685 300 7492

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 22-01

United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands

Case Administrator

Permanent, Full-Time Position - Location: SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)
Starting grade: CL-23 step 1 to CL-24 Step 25 ($40,243 to $55,717 which includes 12.45 % COLA)
(Depending on qualifications and experience; promotion potential to CL-25 without further competition)
(Ultimate pay potential CL 25 ($56,183 - $80,027) by progressive performance and career salary progression)
Opening Date: November 8, 2022 • Applications received by November 21, 2022 will be given priority.

Position Overview:

The Case Administrator will review, process, and maintain records of court cases and assist in handling the progression of cases to final disposition. Other duties include cashiering, mail processing, customer service, scanning and copying documents, and organizing and shelving library materials. Additional duties will be assigned in Procurement or as Relief Courtroom Deputy. Obtain a copy of the complete position description at https://www.uscourts.gov/careers/current-job-openings/121889 This position includes full federal employment benefits, with paid leave and holidays, health insurance, life insurance, and federal retirement benefits.

Minimum Qualifications and Preferred Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent with at least two years of general work experience. Education above the high school level may be substituted for required general work experience. Additional preference will be given for college graduate and work experience in a court or legal environment. Applicants should demonstrate sound ethics and judgment, be able to communicate effectively (orally and in writing), and be skilled in word processing, spreadsheets, and be trainable in using automated systems. Additional preference will be given for skill in using automated case management systems. Successful completion of an aptitude test may be required.

Citizenship Requirement:

Applicants are required to be U.S. citizens or aliens who are authorized to work in the United States.

Notice to Applicants:

Excepted service appointments are "at will" and may be terminated by either the court or the employee at any time for any reason. Selectees may be subject to a background check or investigation and suitability determination; and may be subject to an updated background investigations every five years. Employees are subject to the Judicial Code of Conduct. Direct bank deposit of pay is required.

Application Procedure:

Each applicant is required to submit a Cover Letter, Resume, and an AO-78 application form. (Questions 18, 19, and 20 on page 5 of the AO-78 need not be answered.) AO-78 forms are at: *https://www.uscourts.gov/forms/human-resources-forms/application-judicial-branch-federal-employment* or may be picked up at the U.S. District Court. Position is open until filled; applications received by November 21, 2022 will be given priority.

We prefer you to email signed applications to:

HR@nmid.uscourts.gov

You may deliver signed applications to:

Clerk of Court
United States District Court
for the Northern Mariana Islands
3rd Floor, United States Courthouse, Gualo Rai, Saipan

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Business

Biden to press G-20 to hold tough on Russia over Ukraine war

NUSA DUA, Indonesia (AP)—President Joe Biden was set to try to cajole the world's largest economies to further isolate Russia diplomatically and economically over its invasion of Ukraine despite a souring global outlook that has tested other nations' resolve.

In meetings Tuesday at the Group of 20 summit in Indonesia, the U.S. leader is to continue a global tour pressing nations to stand up to Russia and defend Ukraine's sovereignty in both symbolic and substantive ways. The effort comes as global inflation and slowing economies have put new pressures on countries that imposed penalties on Russia for the nine-month war that has sent food and energy prices soaring.

In opening the summit, Indonesian President Joko Widodo impressed on the gathering what's at stake.

"If the war does not end, it will be difficult for the world to move forward," Widodo said. "We should not divide the world into parts. We must not allow the world to fall into another cold war."

A senior U.S. administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the summit, said Tuesday that the summit's final communique will make clear that "most" of the nations condemn Russia's invasion in Ukraine and the toll it has taken on global food and energy supplies.

It's unclear how many nations would embrace the tough language or whether the document would refer to Russia's actions as a "war" — a phrase Moscow has sought to avoid, despite the devastating losses sustained by its military.

The European Council president, Charles Michel, urged other global powers to intensify pressure on Russia over its war against Ukraine, including Moscow's biggest supporter, China. Michel said Tuesday that the summit was crucial to stopping Moscow's push "to use food and energy as weapons."

U.S. officials have said Biden's trip has demonstrated that countries large and small are willing to condemn Russian aggression. Russian President Vladimir Putin has stayed away, sending his foreign minister, Sergey Lavrov. The Indonesian president invited Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to virtually address the G-20 summit, just days after Ukraine's foreign minister was invited to participate in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit in Cambodia, where it became the latest signatory to the group's treaty of amity and cooperation.

Chinese officials have largely refrained from public criticism of Russia's war, although Beijing has avoided direct support of the Russians, such as supplying arms. Biden said he and Chinese President Xi Jinping discussed Russia's aggression in a meeting Monday and "reaffirmed our shared belief" that the use or even the threat of nuclear weapons is "totally unacceptable" — a reference to Moscow's thinly veiled threats to use atomic weapons as its invasion of Ukraine has faltered.

The summit schedule does not include a "family photo" of leaders, which would avoid a potentially awkward moment of interaction with the Russian representative, Lavrov. It remained to be seen how Biden and U.S. allies would react when Lavrov is recognized to speak during the summit's closed sessions. Some Europeans have discussed potentially walking out of the meeting to protest Russia's invasion.

U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan said no one in the U.S. delegation had plans to meet with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, often known as MBS, after Biden accused Saudi Arabia of siding with Russia by leading the OPEC+ cartel to cut oil production last month in a bid to sustain the elevated energy prices that Russia uses to fund its war in Ukraine.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

China state media demands strict adherence to 'zero-COVID'

BEIJING (AP)—China's ruling party called for strict adherence to the hard-line "zero-COVID" policy Tuesday in an apparent attempt to guide public perceptions after regulations were eased slightly in places. The People's Daily, the Communist Party's flagship newspaper, said in an editorial that China must "unswervingly implement" the policy that requires mass obligatory testing and places millions under lockdown to try to eliminate the coronavirus from the nation of 1.4 billion people and the world's second-largest economy. That comes as China reported 17,772 new cases over the previous 24 hours and follows slight changes to quarantine and other anti-virus restrictions announced last week to reduce cost and disruption.

Studies find automatic braking can cut crashes over 40%

DETROIT (AP)—Two new U.S. studies show that automatic emergency braking can cut the number of rear-end automobile crashes in half, and reduce pickup truck crashes by more than 40%.The studies released Tuesday, one by a government-auto industry partnership and the other by the insurance industry, each used crash data to make the calculations. Automatic emergency braking can stop vehicles if a crash is imminent, or slow them to reduce the severity. Some automakers are moving toward a voluntary commitment by 20 companies to make the braking technology standard equipment on 95% of their light-duty models during the current model year that ends next August.

Japan's economy shrinks as consumers hold back on spending

TOKYO (AP)—The Japanese economy contracted at an annual rate of 1.2% in the July-September quarter, as consumption declined amid rising prices. Seasonally adjusted real gross domestic product for the world's third-largest economy shrank 0.3% on-quarter, according to government Cabinet Office data released Tuesday. The annual rate shows how the economy would have grown if the quarterly rate were to continue for a year. Japan's GDP, or the sum of the value of a nation's products and services, was weaker than analysts had expected, coming after three quarters of moderate growth. Like many nations, Japan has suffered as the coronavirus pandemic slammed industrial production and tourism. Private consumption grew 0.3% in July-September, slowing down from the 1.2% growth recorded the previous quarter. Private investment grew 1.5%, down from 2.4% growth in the previous quarter.

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NOTICE OF CRM PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)
PHASE III AND PHASE IV OF ROUTE 33
BEACH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the following project:

CRM Major Siting Application No. CRM-MS2022-0001 (formerly SMS-2022-062) – The Department of Public Works (DPW) is proposing to commence Phase III and Phase IV of the Route 33 Beach Road Improvement Project. Phase III will begin from Route 33/Route 31 Intersection, in front of the former Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) building in Chalan Laolao, to Angaha Street, before the RNV Construction and Horiguchi buildings in South Garapan. Phase IV begins on Angaha Street in South Garapan to Micro Beach Road and American Memorial Park (AMP) Intersection in North Garapan.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled on **Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 5:00PM,** at the **DCRM Learning Center 3rd Floor, Suite 301, Gualo Rai Center, Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.**

To maintain the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j (Meeting ID: 6706648315). Our Zoom meeting access code may change, please call the DCRM Permitting Office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance at least one-day prior to the public hearing date.

If you are unable to attend, written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Permitting Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315, or by email at ssablan@dcrm.gov.mp. The project file is open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project. Please contact Ms. Sam Sablan at the DCRM Permitting Office at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Phase III and Phase IV of the Route 33 Beach Road Improvement Project.

/s/ Richard V. Salas
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

NMHC hereby publicly discloses that on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, **Rolando G. Decena & Theodora SN Decena** immediate family members of **Rovana D. Litulumar, an employee of NMHC**, applied for assistance under the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Housing Program.

Said applicant has been determined to be a member of a group or class of low-income persons intended to be beneficiaries of the assisted activity and is applying to receive generally the same benefits being made available to the group or class. Ms. Litulumar is not and shall not be involved in the handling of this loan application.

NMHC discloses this possible conflict pursuant to 24 CFR 92.356 in order to allow any interested persons to comment before the application is considered for an exception under the applicable conflict regulations.

Any comments should be submitted to NMHC on or before Friday, November 18, 2022. Written comments may be faxed to Fax No.: **(670) 234-9451**, mailed to P.O. Box 500514 Saipan, MP 96950, or emailed to cnmi-cdbg-dr@nmhcgov.net.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2022.

/s/
Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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AGROFORESTRY CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR NMC-CREES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NMC RFP 23-001

Northern Marianas College, Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services (CREES) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for Agroforestry Consultant Services. The specifications and Scope of Work package may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. P, commencing Friday, October 21, 2022 between the hours of 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Preproposal meeting is scheduled on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 09:00am – 10:00am, CNMI ChST via Zoom meeting room. Attendance is strongly recommended. **Zoom ID No. 959 331 4250.**

Proposal Packages: Due no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 21, 2022, Saipan time at the Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. P, Saipan, MP 96950. Article 7, **"Local Business Preference"**, as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local vendors in this procurement.

Proposers located outside of the CNMI: You may request a copy of the RFP via email to Christina Cruz (christina.cruz@marianas.edu).

Paid for by 100% Federal Funds through the USDA-NIFA authorized under the Smith Lever Act, Section 3b & 3c, Award NO. NI19SLBCXXXXG055.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals for any reason and waive any defect in said proposals, or cancel in part or its entirety this RFP, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC and will not be returned.

/s/ Christina Cruz
NMC Procurement & Property Management Office

Nation

Trump prepares to launch 3rd campaign for the White House

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Former President Donald Trump is preparing to launch his third campaign for the White House on Tuesday, looking to move on from disappointing midterm defeats and defy history amid signs that his grip on the Republican Party is waning.

Trump had hoped to use the GOP's expected gains in last week's elections as a springboard to vault himself to his party's nomination by locking in early support to keep potential challengers at bay. Instead, he now finds himself being blamed for backing a series of losing candidates after disappointing results in which Democrats retained control of the Senate and House control remains too early to call.

"Hopefully, tomorrow will turn out to be one of the most important days in the history of our Country!" Trump wrote on his social media network on Monday. An announcement was expected at 9 p.m. EST Tuesday from his club in Palm Beach.

Another campaign is a remarkable turn for any former president, much less one who made history as the first to be impeached twice and whose term ended with his supporters violently storming the U.S. Capitol in a deadly bid to halt the peaceful transition of power on Jan. 6, 2021. Just one president in U.S. history has been elected to two nonconsecutive terms: Grover Cleveland in 1884 and 1892.

Trump

Trump is also facing a series of intensifying criminal investigations, including a Justice Department probe into the hundreds of documents with classified markings that were discovered in boxes and drawers at his Mar-a-Lago club.

Aides and allies had urged Trump to wait until after the midterms were over — and then until after a Dec. 6 Senate runoff election in Georgia — to announce his plans. But Trump, eager to return to the spotlight, is also hoping to stave off a long list of potential challengers, including Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who cruised to reelection last week and is now being urged by many in his party to run for president a well.

Trump has tried to blame Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell for the GOP's performance—and McConnell allies have criticized Rick Scott, the Florida senator who heads the Senate Republicans' campaign committee.

However, Trump has received the brunt of criticism for elevating candidates in states like Pennsylvania and Arizona who were unappealing to general election voters because they embraced his lies about 2020 election or held hard-line views on issues like abortion that were out of step with the mainstream.

While Trump has the backing of the No. 3 House Republican, Rep. Elise Stefanik, others were already moving on.

Asked whether she would endorse Trump in 2024, Republican Sen. Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming told reporters Monday: "I don't think that's the right question. I think the question is, who is the current leader of the Republican Party?"

Asked who that was, she replied: "Ron DeSantis."

Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, a longtime Trump critic, compared Trump to a pitcher who keeps losing after GOP disappointments in 2018, 2020 and now 2022.

"He's been on the mound and lost three straight games. If we want to start winning, we need someone else on the mound. And we've got a very strong bench that can come out," Romney said. "I know, there's some fans that love him. Just like, you know, an aging pitcher, they're always fans that want to keep them there forever. But if you keep losing games, try to put some new players on the field."

CA wins leave Republicans poised to seize US House control

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two threatened U.S. House Republicans in California triumphed over Democratic challengers Monday, helping move the GOP within a seat of seizing control of the chamber while a string of congressional races in the state remained in play.

In a bitter fight southeast of Los Angeles, Republican Rep. Michelle Steel defeated Democrat Jay Chen in a district that was specifically drawn to give Asian Americans, who comprise the largest group in the district, a stronger voice on Capitol Hill. It includes the nation's largest Vietnamese community.

East of Los Angeles, Republican Rep. Ken Calvert notched a win over Democrat Will Rollins. With 80% of the votes tallied, Calvert, the longest serving Republican in the California congressional delegation, established a nearly 5,500-vote edge in the contest.

Ten races in the state remained undecided as vote-counting continued, though only a handful were seen as tight enough to break either way.

It takes 218 seats to control the House. Republicans have locked down 217 seats so far, with Democrats claiming 205.

Should Democrats fail to protect their fragile majority, Republican Rep. Kevin McCarthy of Bakersfield would be in line to replace Speaker Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco.

In the 45th District anchored in Orange County, Steel, a South Korean immigrant looking for a second term in Congress, faced Chen, a Navy reservist and the son of immigrants from Taiwan. The race was being watched nationally for what it says about the preferences of the Asian community.

The candidates initially made inflation and hate crimes against Asian Americans key issues. But the race took an ugly turn and most of it focused on accusation and recrimination.

Chen's advertising depicted Steel as an extremist who would threaten abortion rights, while Republicans accused Chen of "racism" after he told supporters an "interpreter" was needed to understand Steel's remarks, arguing that Chen was mocking her accented English. Chen said he was referring to "convoluted talking points" that he said Steel uses to sidestep issues.

Steel also distributed flyers depicting Chen as a communist sympathizer, while Chen has said his grandmother fled China to escape communist rule.

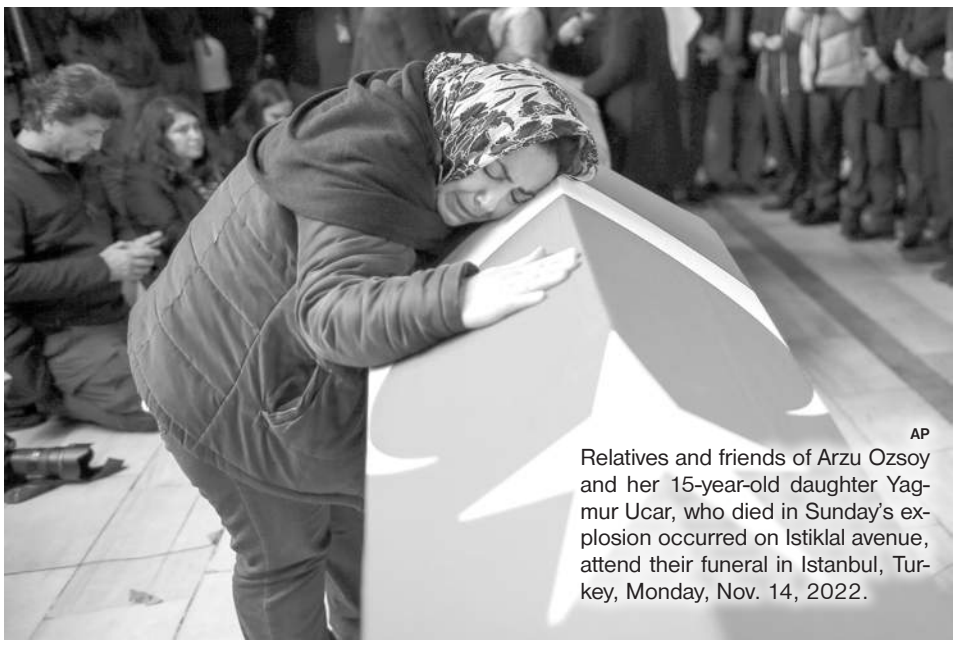
In California, the primary House battlegrounds are Orange County — a suburban expanse southeast of Los Angeles that was once a GOP stronghold but has become increasingly diverse and Democratic—and the Central Valley, an inland stretch sometimes called the nation's salad bowl for its agricultural production.

The tightest remaining contest in the state emerged in the Central Valley, where Democrat Adam Gray seized a tissue-thin lead after Republican John Duarte jumped ahead by 84 votes in a fight for an open seat in District 13.

World

IN DEADLY ISTANBUL BOMBING

Turkey detains Syrian suspect


AP
Relatives and friends of Arzu Ozsoy and her 15-year-old daughter Yagmur Ucar, who died in Sunday's explosion occurred on Istiklal avenue, attend their funeral in Istanbul, Turkey, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022.

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkish police said Monday they have detained a Syrian woman with suspected links to Kurdish militants and that she confessed to planting a bomb that exploded on a bustling pedestrian avenue in Istanbul, killing six people and wounding several dozen others. Kurdish militants strongly denied any links to the bombing.

Sunday's explosion hit Istiklal Avenue, a popular thoroughfare lined with shops and restaurants that leads to Taksim Square.

"A little while ago, the person who left the bomb was detained by our Istanbul Police Department teams," Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu announced early Monday. Police later identified the suspect as Ahlam Albashir, a Syrian citizen.

The Istanbul Police Department said videos from around 1,200 security cameras were reviewed and raids were carried out at 21 locations. At least 46 other people were also detained for questioning.

The suspect allegedly departed the scene in a taxi after leaving TNT-type explosives on the crowded avenue, police said.

Sunday's explosion was a shocking reminder of the anxiety that gripped Turkey when such attacks were common. The country was hit by a string of deadly bombings between 2015 and 2017, some by the Islamic State group, others by Kurdish militants who seek increased autonomy or independence.

Police said the suspect told them during her interrogation that she had been trained as a "special intelligence officer" by the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, as well as the Syrian Kurdish group the Democratic Union Party and its armed wing. She entered Turkey illegally through the Syrian border town of Afrin, police said.

The Kurdistan Workers Party denied involvement in a statement, saying it did not target civilians. In Syria, the main Kurdish militia group, People's Defense Units, denied any links to the suspect. The group maintained that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was trying to gather international support for his plans to launch a new incursion into northern Syria ahead of next year's elections.

Soylu said the suspect would have fled to neighboring Greece if she hadn't been detained.

Asked about Soylu's comments, Greek government spokesman Giannis Oikonomou reiterated Greece's condolences and stressed that the government "is steadily against any terrorist act. What happened in Istanbul is abhorrent and condemnable."

WORLD BRIEFS

Zelenskyy calls liberation of Kherson 'beginning of the end'

KHERSON, Ukraine (AP)—President Volodymyr Zelenskyy triumphantly walked the streets of the newly liberated city of Kherson on Monday, hailing Russia's withdrawal as the "beginning of the end of the war," but also acknowledging the heavy price Ukrainian troops are paying in their grinding effort to push back the invaders. The retaking of Kherson was one of Ukraine's biggest successes in the nearly 9-month-old war, dealing another stinging blow to the Kremlin. It could serve as a springboard for more advances into occupied territory. President Joe Biden called it a "significant victory" for Ukraine. "I can do nothing but applaud the courage, determination and capacity of the Ukrainian people, the Ukrainian military," he said on the sidelines of a Group of 20 summit in Indonesia. "They've really been amazing. ... we're going to continue to provide the capability for the Ukrainian people to defend themselves."

Biden, Xi clash on Taiwan but aim to 'manage' differences

NUSA DUA, Indonesia (AP)—President Joe Biden objected directly to China's "coercive and increasingly aggressive actions" toward Taiwan during the first in-person meeting of his presidency with Xi Jinping, as the two superpower leaders aimed on Monday to "manage" their differences in the competition for global influence. The nearly three-hour meeting was the highlight of Biden's weeklong, round-the-world trip to the Middle East and Asia, and came at a critical juncture for the two countries amid increasing economic and security tensions. Speaking at a news conference afterward, Biden said that when it comes to China, the U.S. would "compete vigorously, but I'm not looking for conflict." He added: "I absolutely believe there need not be a new Cold War" between America and the rising Asian power.

Life & Style

Jay Leno suffers burns in gasoline fire, says he's 'OK'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jay Leno suffered "serious burns" but said Monday that he was doing OK, according to reports.

"I got some serious burns from a gasoline fire," Leno said in a statement to The Associated Press. "I am ok. Just need a week or two to get back on my feet."

The cause and time of the fire wasn't immediately clear. The former "Tonight Show" host is known for his famed car collection, which is housed at a garage in Burbank, north of Los Angeles.

Leno, 72, had been set to appear at a financial conference in Las Vegas on Sunday but canceled because of a "serious medical emergency," People magazine reported earlier Monday, citing an email sent to those attending the conference.

Leno

The comedian took over NBC's "Tonight" when longtime host Johnny Carson retired in 1992. Leno was succeeded by Conan O'Brien in 2009, but NBC got cold feet when the show's ratings dropped and brought Leno back as host in 2010. He remained in the job until Jimmy Fallon took over in 2014.

Leno turned his love of cars into a CNBC series, "Jay Leno's Garage," and now hosts a revival of the game show "You Bet Your Life."

Siebel Newsom gives emotional testimony of Weinstein rape

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jennifer Siebel Newsom, a documentary filmmaker and the wife of California Gov. Gavin Newsom, nearly screamed through tears from the witness stand Monday when she told the court Harvey Weinstein raped her in a hotel room and spoke of the devastating effect it had on her in the 17 years since.

"He knows this is not normal!" she shouted during the Los Angeles trial, recalling her thoughts amid the alleged 2005 rape. "He knows this is not consent!"

She then shouted "Oh God!" as if overcome by the memory, and gave in to the crying. Weinstein watched from the defense table.

Siebel Newsom said she found herself unexpectedly alone with Weinstein in a suite at the Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills, where she had agreed to join him for a meeting. She said she assumed others would be present and they would talk about her career.

When he emerged from the bathroom in a robe with nothing underneath and began groping her while he masturbated, she described her feelings.

"Horror! Horror!" she said. "I'm trembling. I'm like a rock, I'm frigid. This is my worst nightmare. I'm just this blow-up doll!"

She then gave a graphic description of a sexual assault and rape by Weinstein in the suite's bedroom.

Weinstein's lawyers, who only got to cross-examine her briefly and will continue on Tuesday, say the two had consensual sex and that she was seeking to use the powerful producer to advance her career.

Weinstein is already serving a 23-year sentence for a rape conviction in New York, and has pleaded not guilty to 11 counts of rape and sexual assault in California involving five women.

Siebel Newsom is the fourth woman Weinstein is accused of sexually assaulting who has taken the stand in Los Angeles. Her testimony was the most dramatic and emotional so far in the three-week trial. She cried throughout her 2 1/2 hours on the stand, beginning with when she was asked to identify the 70-year-old Weinstein for the record.

Roberta Flack has ALS, now 'impossible to sing,' rep says

NEW YORK (AP)—A representative for Roberta Flack announced Monday that the Grammy-winning musician has ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and can no longer sing.

The progressive disease "has made it impossible to sing and not easy to speak," Flack's manager Suzanne Koga said in a release. "But it will take a lot more than ALS to silence this icon."

The announcement of the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis diagnosis comes just ahead of the premiere of "Roberta," a feature-length documentary debuting Thursday at the DOCNYC film festival.

Flack is known for hits like "Killing Me Softly With His Song" and "The First Time I Ever Saw Your Face," the latter of which catapulted her into stardom after Clint Eastwood used it as the soundtrack for a love scene in his 1971 movie "Play Misty for Me."

The release says that the Grammy-winning singer and pianist, now 85, "plans to stay active in her musical and creative pursuits" through her eponymous foundation and other avenues.

Flack

The Antonino D'Ambrosio-directed documentary will be in competition at the festival and available via DOCNYC's website for a week after, before airing on television Jan. 24 as part of PBS' "American Masters" series.

Flack also plans to publish a children's book co-written with Tonya Bolden, "The Green Piano: How Little Me Found Music," that month. The North Carolina-born, Virginia-raised Flack is the daughter of pianists and classically trained herself—her talent won her a full ride to Howard University at just 15.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Grammy nominations to be announced, with 5 new categories

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Recording Academy will announce nominees for the 65th Grammy Awards on Tuesday with some significant additions. The academy earlier this year five new categories including songwriter of the year to honor music's best composer and a special song for social change award. The non-classical songwriter category will recognize one individual who was the "most prolific" non-performing and non-producing songwriter for a body of new work. It will take a different approach than song of the year, which awards the songwriters who wrote the lyrics or melodies to one song.

Russia bans 100 Canadians including Atwood, Jim Carrey

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia's Foreign Ministry announced Monday that 100 Canadians have been added to the list of people banned from entering the country in response to sanctions against Russia by Canada. A ministry statement said author Margaret Atwood, actor Jim Carrey and Amy Knight, a noted historian of the KGB, were on the banned list. The ministry said they and the other 97, many of whom are connected to ethnic Ukrainian organizations, were banned because of involvement in "formation of (Canada's) aggressively anti-Russian course."

Selena Gomez honored for mental health advocacy work

BOSTON (AP)—Pop star and actor Selena Gomez has made no secret of her personal mental health struggles—they've made her an outspoken advocate for awareness and getting other young people the help they need. "I hope that by using my platform to share my own story ... I can help others feel less alone," Gomez said earlier this year at a roundtable at the White House with first lady Jill Biden and U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy. In 2016, Gomez took a break to deal with anxiety, panic attacks and depression stemming from her battle with lupus. Four years later, she revealed she'd been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. On Monday, the Boston-based Ruderman Family Foundation honored the 30-year-old entertainer with its annual Morton E. Ruderman Award in Inclusion for "drawing inspiration from her personal journey" to help others worldwide get access to counseling and other services.

Husband feels powerless amid marriage struggles

DEAR ABBY: I married for the second time two years ago to a younger woman. Seven months after our wedding, she announced she didn't like my dominating personality, which is why she was stepping out of the marriage. She then went back to her deadbeat ex-boyfriend for six months. I went for counseling and have made a major change in how I treat, talk and make decisions with her. I love my wife with all my heart. I want to protect our marriage and move forward from the affair.

Our second anniversary is approaching, but she has been interacting with other men. She takes her daughter with another man on play-dates along with his daughter, and goes to the park with another man for three hours. (He was a single dad having a BBQ.) The third one is a guy she goes with to the park, splash pads, public swimming pool and a water-slide park. They text each other often. One guy is a married stay-at-home dad. He has cheated on his wife before.

Am I wrong to think this is unacceptable for a married woman? Any advice would be absolutely appreciated.

BEWILDERED IN CANADA

DEAR BEWILDERED: It's time for joint counseling, with a new therapist for you and your wife. I can't think of a better way to drive her away than continuing to obsess about what she "may" be doing on these outings. It is hard to envision her carrying on flagrantly with a child in tow; the activities you describe seem distinctly family-oriented to me. It appears you still expect her to conform to your idea of how a married woman "should" behave, or you're having serious trust issues. More counseling for you may be in order if your marriage is going to last.

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DEAR ABBY: I've been with my boyfriend for four years. Over those years, he has acquired an addiction to porn. He refuses to admit he is addicted and insists that it's perfectly normal. I'm usually not one to judge, but it has reached the point that it's affecting our sex life.

I can't remember the last time we had a moment to ourselves that didn't start with him spending all day watching porn. I tried getting involved with it myself hoping we'd find a common interest we could bond over, but he doesn't seem to want me involved at all.

I feel like I'm being cheated on, as silly as that sounds. I'm struggling with my body image because of this. I feel like I'm never going to be adequate enough for him to focus on our sex life. How do I compete with porn?

SHUT OUT IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SHUT OUT: You don't. Tell your boyfriend that his reliance on porn is negatively affecting your self-esteem and you are no longer willing to be involved with him because of it. If he's in love with you and willing to work on the problem, there are resources available to him. (Twelve-step programs come immediately to mind.) If he isn't, however, accept that this has NOTHING to do with your level of attractiveness, and move on.

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

WELL, YOUR HAIRCUT IS A BIG IMPROVEMENT.
YOU LIKE WHAT IT SAYS ON THE BACK OF MY HEAD?
WHAT WHAT SAYS?
DIDN'T THE BARBER SHAVE, "I MAY HAVE A BAD HAIRCUT, BUT YOU'RE DOWNRIGHT UGLY," BACK THERE?!
GOOD HEAVENS, NO!
OK, CHARLIE, GIMME BACK THAT TIP!
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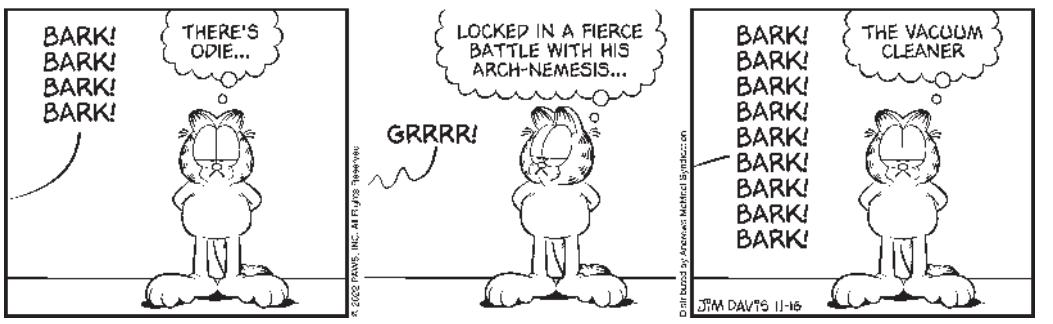
Garfield®

By Jim Davis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THE VACUUM CLEANER
JIM DAVIS 11-16

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

DAD TAKES HIS TURKEY SERIOUSLY.
OH, I KNOW.
HE'S LIKE A THANKSGIVING SAVANT.
YEAH.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT A SAVANT IS, BUT IT SOUNDS COOL.
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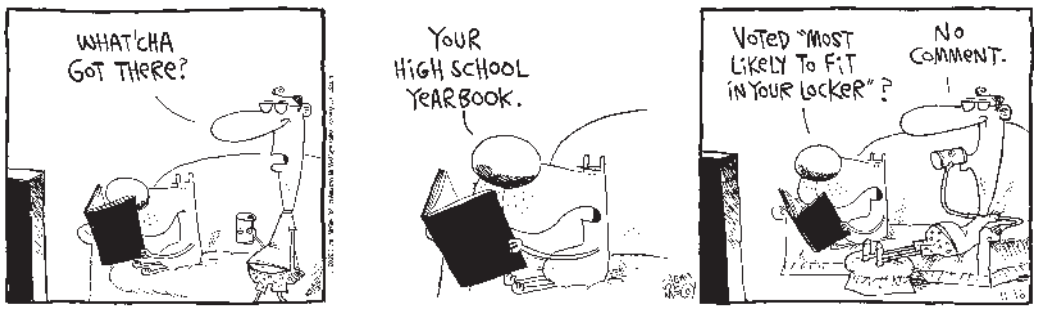
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 23 mins.

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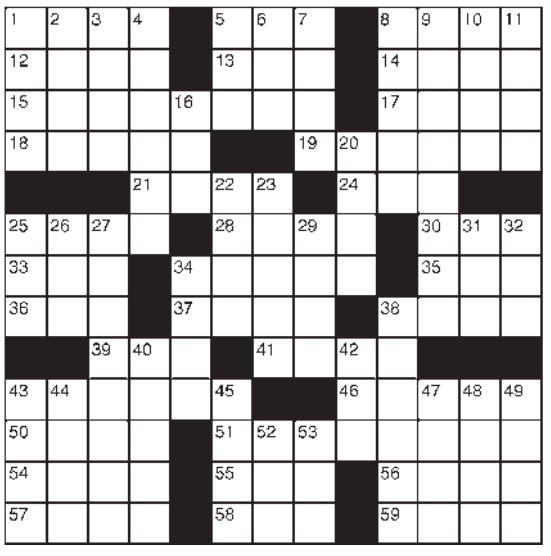

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Happy Birthday: Creative outlets will help you relax this year. Lowering debt, making your living space more efficient or moving to a less expensive location will free up cash you can put toward something you want to pursue. Life is about choices; this year, it's time to do what's best for you. Take control and be responsible for your happiness. Your numbers are 4, 11, 24, 28, 33, 40, 43.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Start and don't stop until you feel good about what you've accomplished. Set high standards and do the work yourself to ensure you get things done your way. Self-improvement projects will turn out better than anticipated and cheaper than expected. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* You may crave change, but you'll face opposition if you push others to participate. Use a kinder strategy if you want to get others to tag along. An incentive will ensure that you get help as well as company. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Get your facts straight before voicing your opinion. Someone will be eager to see you head down the wrong path. Say no to temptation and anyone trying to talk you into doing something physically or financially risky. Put your responsibilities first. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Pay attention to detail and precision, and ensure your documents are in order before you begin something new. Don't leave anything important in someone else's hands. A last-minute change will play out in your favor. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Push forward and don't stop until you are happy with the results. Look at every angle of a situation before you decide to make a move. The more obscure path will have more to offer than taking the path of least resistance. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Don't take on too much. Look at the logistics of what you want to do, and you'll find a way to cut corners and make your plans feasible. Don't waste time arguing; channel your energy into getting things done on time. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Try your hand at something new. Get involved in something that moves you. Change what is no longer working for you. Stop dreaming; start turning your thoughts into reality. Looking for opportunities will entail something you enjoy. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Start a project and learn as you go. Use your attributes to stand out. Refuse to let emotions stop you from doing what's right. Someone's lack of confidence or uncertainty will give you a reason to worry and compensate to offset any fallout. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Look and you shall find. Take the initiative by turning an opportunity into something concrete. Learn from the experts, and try your hand at something that fascinates you. Take the road that whispers your name, and don't look back. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Concentrate on how you earn your living, not on a lofty investment that can risk everything you've worked so hard to achieve. Be smart, don't follow the crowd and trust in yourself, not a sales pitch geared to take your cash. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Opportunity knocks. Keep moving, regardless of what others do or say. Know your course of action and plant your feet firmly on the ground as you proceed. Be prompt and precise in your efforts, and you'll easily beat the competition. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Think matters through, then proceed. Look for a way to make your money stretch. Invest more in yourself and what you have to offer. Share your unique opinion, and you will attract someone willing to support your actions. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are attractive, open-minded and flexible. You are opportunistic and generous.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesterday's Answer

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3	8	4	2	6	1	5	7	9

Difficulty Level ★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

REMEMBERING COOLIO (1963-2022) Solution: 6 letters

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Adebayo scores 30, Heat storm back to stun Suns, 113-112

MIAMI (AP)—Elite scorer. Elite defender.

Devin Booker got to his spot. Jimmy Butler got there, too. And Butler rose to the moment, capping a brilliant comeback win for the Miami Heat.

Bam Adebayo scored 30 points, including a pair of go-ahead free throws with 35 seconds left, and Butler's block was part of a frantic finish as the Heat rallied from a 13-point, fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Phoenix Suns 113-112 on Monday night.

"Those two guys are really the foundational heartbeat pieces to our team," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We follow their warrior spirits. They're just so tough, the epitome of being two-way basketball players."

Phoenix had three shots to win on its final possession—a missed layup by Cameron Payne, the jumper from Booker from the right elbow that Butler blocked, and then a 3-pointer from Booker that bounced off the rim, with Butler hounding him again.

"Tough break for us," Suns coach Monty Williams said. "Our guys fought like heck to have a chance to win."

Butler finished with 16 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists for Miami. Caleb Martin and Kyle Lowry each scored 15 for Miami, which got back to .500 at 7-7.

"I love the fact that we won this game on the defensive end," Butler said.

Adebayo outscored the Suns by himself in the last eight minutes, 12-10. Phoenix missed 12 of its 16 shots in that span, while Miami finished 8 for its last 12.

AP

Miami Heat center Bam Adebayo (13) reacts after scoring during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Phoenix Suns, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, in Miami.

Booker led the Suns with 25 points. Duane Washington Jr. added 21 and Deandre Ayton finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Suns, who shot only four free throws compared to Miami's 25.

"That is hard to swallow ... a physical game like that, where everybody's bumpin', we only get four free throws," Williams said. "This is becoming really hard to swallow. You feel like you can't even talk about it because you're going to be fined."

The Heat went 22 for 25 on those tries from the line, the 13th consecutive game where they shot at least 80% from the stripe — extending their franchise record.

It was the first time an NBA team shot four free throws in a game since May 16, 2021 — also the Suns, against San Antonio.

Torrey Craig's layup with 8:03 left put Phoenix up 102-89, the Suns' biggest lead of the night. The Heat outscored Phoenix 24-10 the rest of the way.

"We've had tests all year, and some of those games we didn't finish," Adebayo said. "They were nothing but experience for a game like this."

Both teams were missing key guards. Miami's Tyler Herro was out for the fourth consecutive game with a sprained left ankle, and Phoenix's Chris Paul sat with right heel soreness.

Celtics 126, Thunder 122

In Boston, Marcus Smart scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half, and Boston beat Oklahoma City for its seventh straight win.

Boston trailed by 15 in the third quarter but outscored Oklahoma City 37-26 in the fourth.

Jayson Tatum had 27 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics. Jaylen Brown scored 26, and Al Horford added 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Smart also had eight assists and five rebounds, and reserve Payton Pritchard added 10 points, leading a key surge late in the third and early in the fourth as the Celtics rallied.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander led the Thunder with 37 points. Lu Dort scored 21 and Aleksej Pokusevski finished with 16 points and 14 rebounds.

Hawks 121, Bucks 106

In Milwaukee, De'Andre Hunter scored 24 points and Trae Young had 21 points and nine assists, leading Atlanta over Milwaukee.

Clint Capela added 19 points and 10 rebounds as the Hawks won for the fifth time in seven games. Dejounte Murray also scored 19, and John Collins had 16 points and nine boards.

Giannis Antetokounmpo, who missed the previous two games and three of the past four with left knee soreness, scored 27 points in 31 minutes. The Bucks have lost three of four after a 9-0 start.

It was the third meeting between the teams in 16 days. MarJon Beauchamp had 20 points for the Bucks, who dropped to 7-1 at home.

Warriors 132, Spurs 95

In San Francisco, back in the starting lineup for a night, Jordan Poole scored a season-best 36 points on the debut of his first bobblehead and led Golden State past San Antonio.

Poole shot 13 for 20 and knocked down five 3-pointers. He exited with 8:04 left following his 13th career game of 30 or more points.

Stephen Curry added 16 points, five rebounds and five assists in 27 minutes. It was the second game of a back-to-back for the Warriors after they lost 122-115 at Sacramento on Sunday to fall to 0-7 on the road.

Keldon Johnson had 15 points for the injury-plagued Spurs.

Raptors 115, Pistons 111

In Detroit, Dalano Banton scored 27 points and Chris Boucher added 20 as short-handed Toronto snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Detroit.

O.G. Anunoby added 19 points and seven rebounds for the Raptors, who played without Fred VanVleet (non-COVID-19 illness), Pascal Siakam (abdominal strain) and Gary Trent (hip).

Rookie guard Jaden Ivey scored 21 for the Pistons, who lost their fourth straight. Bojan Bogdanovic added 18 points.

Hornets 112, Magic 105

In Orlando, Fla., LaMelo Ball had 17 points and nine assists, and Charlotte stopped an eight-game slide by beating Orlando.

Seven players scored in double figures for the Hornets, including their entire starting lineup. Mason Plumlee had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Terry Rozier scored 17, and Kelly Oubre Jr. had 16.

Franz Wagner scored 23 points and Wendell Carter Jr. added 20 for Orlando, but the Magic committed 22 turnovers.

Ball, who missed the Hornets' 113-93 loss at Orlando last month because of a sprained ankle, played in only his second game of the season after missing the first 13.

Clippers 122, Rockets 106

In Houston, Paul George scored 22 points in three quarters to lead Los Angeles past Houston.

George, who also had eight rebounds and five assists, spent the fourth quarter on the bench with the game in hand as Clippers coach Tyronn Lue didn't play his starters in the final period on the front end of a back-to-back.

Jalen Green scored 25 points and Kevin Porter Jr. added 20 for the Rockets, who dropped their third in a row.

Reggie Jackson had 17 points and six assists to help the Clippers win for the third time in four games.

NBA BRIEFS

James could return to the Lakers' lineup later this week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — LeBron James could return to the Los Angeles Lakers' lineup later this week as he recovers from a groin injury.

James missed his second straight game with a left adductor strain when the Lakers hosted the Brooklyn Nets on Sunday. James is day-to-day with the strain, which occurred last Wednesday during the fourth quarter of the Clippers' 114-101 victory over the Lakers.

Coach Darvin Ham said James could return to the practice report by the middle of the week. The Lakers' next game isn't until Friday against the Detroit Pistons.

"I think him being out is just as much precautionary. We're only 12 games into the season. There's 70 games left to be played here," Ham said. "We have a favorable schedule where he can sit. We feel good about that, knowing he's had these days to not put any pressure on it, but strengthen it and treat it to the point where he's able to get back out there."

An MRI exam on James revealed no tears in his adductor muscle. James said after the Clippers' game that the injury wasn't as significant as his groin strain on Christmas 2018 during his first season with the Lakers. That injury sidelined him for a month.

James is the Lakers' leading scorer with 24.9 points per game despite persistent pain in his left foot that forced him to miss Los Angeles' loss to Utah on Monday. James is also contributing 8.8 rebounds and 6.9 assists per game in his 20th NBA season.

Despite James' strong play, the Lakers have the NBA's fourth-worst record at 3-10.

Miami Heat's home arena will get new name after FTX collapse

MIAMI (AP)—The arena where the Miami Heat play will soon have a new name, after the team and Miami-Dade County decided Friday to terminate their relationship with FTX on the same day the cryptocurrency exchange filed for bankruptcy.

The building had been called FTX Arena since June 2021, and a 19-year, $135 million sponsorship agreement between FTX and the county was just getting started.

In a joint statement Friday night, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and the Heat said the news regarding FTX was "extremely disappointing."

"Miami-Dade County and the Miami Heat are immediately taking action to terminate our business relationships with FTX, and we will be working together to find a new naming rights partner for the arena," the statement read.

FTX entered into a number of sports-related deals, including with Mercedes for Formula One racing and a sponsorship deal with Major League Baseball — whose umpires wear the company's logo. Earlier Friday, Mercedes said it would immediately remove FTX logos from its Formula One cars.

Some of the top athletes in the world also had FTX deals, including Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady and Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry.

Miami-Dade County, which owns the arena and negotiated the naming rights deal, struck the agreement with FTX in March 2021. The name of the building changed from AmericanAirlines Arena to FTX Arena three months later.

The Heat were to receive $2 million a year as part of the deal. Most of the rest — roughly $90 million over the lifetime of the agreement — was to be paid to the county, the vast majority of it earmarked toward fighting gun violence and poverty.

FTX filed for bankruptcy protection on Friday, ending a disastrous few days for what had been the third-largest cryptocurrency exchange in the world when the week began. The company's CEO and founder, Sam Bankman-Fried, has resigned.

The embattled cryptocurrency exchange, short billions of dollars, sought bankruptcy protection after the exchange experienced the crypto equivalent of a bank run.

Commanders end sloppy Eagles' perfect season, 32-21

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Brandon Graham took a knee at midfield as most of his Eagles teammates trudged off the field in stunned disbelief that their undefeated season had been wiped out.

An Eagles team that romped toward the first 8-0 start in franchise history played with uncharacteristic sloppiness, failed to hit on the game-breaking plays that had defined their season, and had every flaw exposed in quite an imperfect performance.

The Washington Commanders turned methodical drives into scores and took advantage of turnover-prone Philadelphia, stunning the Eagles 32-21 on Monday night and sending them to their first loss in nine games this season.

Behind Jalen Hurts, the Eagles were the last team in the NFL that could make a run at Miami's 17-0 mark in 1972 and the lone perfect season. The 2007 New England Patriots came close, going 18-0 before a Super Bowl loss.

"We started 8-0 together, we lost this game together, we're going to move on together," Eagles coach Nick Sirianni said.

The Eagles had their shot at perfection slip out of their hands.

Trailing at halftime for the first time this season, Hurts seemed to have one more big play left to pull out a victory. He connected on a deep ball to wide receiver Quez Watkins on a 51-yard reception late in the fourth quarter trailing 26-21. Watkins hit the ground, popped up and took off running, only to fumble the ball and give Washington possession.

"I was just trying to make a play. I know I didn't get touched and I knew I had left him behind, so I just wanted to get up and get some extra yards," Watkins said.

That was it for the Eagles and their four turnovers, a bloated number for a team that had only three in the first eight games.

"Flush it and move on," Graham said.

The defensive end was flagged for a late unnecessary roughness call on QB Taylor Heinicke that extended Washington's drive.

"I was just trying to touch him down, because it just looked like he was going to get up. You just never know. But that's on me. I own that one. That's on me," Graham said

NFL referee Alex Kemp told a pool reporter Graham was penalized because Heinicke "had clearly given himself up."

"Therefore, he is down and a defenseless player. The contact by Philadelphia No. 55 was not only late, but also to the head and neck area," Kemp said.

Graham wasn't alone in making miscues that cost the Birds.

A.J Brown had a catch knock off his hands and turn into an interception. And, Dallas Goedert fumbled in the fourth quarter when linebacker Jamin Davis grabbed the tight end by the facemask — but no penalty was called.

Kemp told a pool reporter, "We didn't see a face mask on the field."

Heinicke again started for injured QB Carson Wentz, the much-maligned former Eagles QB who did play a key role in helping them win a Super Bowl in the 2017 season. He wasn't flashy, but efficient, going 17 for 29 and throwing 211 yards. Terry McLaurin had 128 yards receiving -- including a 41-yard haul that led to a field goal. Joey Slye kicked four field goals.

The Commanders (5-5) also spoiled Pittsburgh's 11-0 start in 2020.

Hurts was 17 for 26 for just 175 yards.

"It's the same message that's always been delivered after our wins, same message delivered after our losses, we're controlling the things we can," Hurts said. "We came here today, we didn't do that. And today it got us. It's very important to control the things that you can. Controlling your ball security."

The Eagles were favored by 10 1/2 points, according to FanDuel Sportsbook, and the Commanders reveled in pulling off the upset.

"We had a marvelous time ruining everything," the Commanders tweeted.

The Eagles tried to make the Commanders seem like just another bump in their bid for perfection, with the kind of early good fortune that they have enjoyed this season.

Take, for example, a roughing-the-kicker penalty that gave Washington a first down, and new life, on the game's opening drive. Eagles defensive end Josh Sweat simply strip-sacked Heinicke on the next play and the Eagles recovered. Hurts rushed up the middle for a 1-yard TD and a 7-0 lead.

The Commanders then flashed their first clock-killing drive with a 16-play effort that chewed up more than seven minutes and ended with Antonio Gibson's 1-yard rushing TD.

Hurts hit the highlight-reel with an ode to former Florida star Tim Tebow with a jump pass to Goedert for a 6-yard score, and the QB struck the Heisman pose in celebration.

The points off takeaways and Hurts scoring with his arms and legs had been the key ingredients in the team's flawless start, and the Eagles certainly seemed poised to make it an easy night against a team they routed 24-8 in September.

The Commanders showed a rare offensive spark of late and, after scoring 17 points in each of their last two games, took a 20-14 lead into halftime. Syle kicked field goals of 44 and 58 yards and Brian Robinson added a 1-yard rushing score.

Washington converted 9 of 12 third downs in the half -- it entered 26th in the NFL in third-down efficiency -- and crushed the Eagles in time of possession 23:49 to 6:11 -- the 17:38 TOP disparity was their best in a first half in franchise history.

Slye kicked 32 and 55 yard field goals in the second half.

The Eagles trailed at halftime for the first time since last season's postseason loss at Tampa Bay, and Hurts could not rally them in their first true case of adversity.

Hurts, who didn't help his MVP bid, connected with wideout DeVonta Smith for an 11-yard score early in the fourth that pulled the Eagles within 23-21.

AP

Washington Commanders defensive end Montez Sweat reacts after sacking Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, in Philadelphia.

Bucs, Seahawks praise 'electric' atmosphere at Munich game

MUNICH (AP)—Even in defeat, Seahawks coach Pete Carroll could recognize the special experience of participating in the NFL's first regular-season game in Germany.

Seattle and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers got a Bavarian welcome both in the days leading up to the game and during it, highlighted by an energetic capacity crowd of 69,811 at Allianz Arena singing together in the final minutes of the game and afterward.

The Buccaneers beat the Seahawks 21-16, but both sides seemed to appreciate the historic nature of the event.

"What a spectacle. This is an unforgettable occurrence," Carroll said.

Fans sang "Sweet Caroline" and "Take Me Home, Country Roads" toward the end of the game, and stayed to sing some more afterward.

German fans have been waiting for years to get a game — they might get more soon, considering the success of this experience — after watching London host since 2007.

"I've never been in a stadium where a crowd was so much in unison and connected like they were," Carroll said. "We've been in loud stadiums and really louder maybe even, but never where everybody — how do they do that? I don't know how they sing exactly the same like that, but it was really a spectacle."

Bucs coach Todd Bowles noted that there were "a lot of Seahawks fans here," which was true in the days leading up to the game as well.

"The crowd was electric. I thought the German fans were outstanding, and it's a great place to play," Bowles said.

Bucs wide receiver Julio Jones goes down as having scored the first touchdown in Germany on a 31-yard scoring play in the second quarter.

"I loved the energy here in Germany, the fans. They were amazing," Jones said. "I loved the way they chanted, they stayed together in unison."

Bucs quarterback Tom Brady improved to 4-0 abroad after winning twice in London and once in Mexico City with the New England Patriots.

"I've played at Wembley twice. I played in Estadio Azteca in Mexico, which was another amazing experience, and this is as good as it gets," said Brady, who was gifted lederhosen on Friday by a German broadcaster.

Both teams practiced at the facilities of Bayern Munich and played in the soccer club's stadium Sunday. Bayern stars Thomas Müller, Jamal Musiala, Serge Gnabry, Leroy Sané and Alphonso Davies were all on hand for the game.

"(I) have a great appreciation for sports, what they do, how they bring people together, and I think this was another indication of that," Brady said.

The trip home for the Bucs will feel shorter now that they are back to .500 at 5-5.

"I'm sure there might be a few guys looking for some beer on the way out to the airport," Brady said.

Speaking of beer, some fans were disappointed not to find any for sale at the NFL's pregame fan fest outside the stadium.

The NFL sold plenty of merchandise at its festival and vendors offered coffee, soft drinks and water, but thirsty fans had to wait to get inside the stadium to buy beer.

"Here in Munich in the home country of beer? That's a little bit weird," said Bucs fan Martin Stelzer of Austria.

Some fans had brought beer with them to the fan fest, where activities included kicking field goals and throwing footballs. Others went to an adjacent area, bought beers and returned.

"We will never give up," Stelzer said. "We will now look for it. Behind this parking garage there is a little shop where we can buy beer."

The NFL said in a statement: "Consistent with standard stadium protocol there are no beer sales outside of the Allianz Arena."

Tailgating or gathering on an esplanade outside a stadium before a game isn't done here. German soccer fans who drink beer do so in bars in city centers and then travel together to the stadium by train.

But some fans such as Stelzer, who attended a Michigan home game against Colorado State in September, assumed he and his friends would have beer options.

Seahawks fan Don Wood, who came to Munich from the state of Washington with his wife and several other friends, was also surprised.

"We want beer right now, it's very strange. In the U.S., you'd get big complaints about that," Wood said a few hours before kickoff.

American Teddy Rieke, who traveled with Wood and others from Washington, added: "Makes sense... be sober heading in."

3 men's teams vie for lead in BASA pennant

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A Tokahoa player makes it safely to first base after a wild throw from the defense during one of their games in the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League at the Dandan Softball Field.

In the always competitive 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League, Sufa, Man Amigos, and Tokahao bested their respective foes to stay atop of the men's leaderboard last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field

Sufa, with their win against Hagu La'mun, 19-7, is currently on top of the standings with a 13-4 card, while Man Amigos improved to 12-4 after beating Momma Charo, 19-1; and Tokahao is right behind with a 12-5 record after beating Aimeliik, 18-5.

Audie Maratita and Paul Salalila from Sufa always deliver as they manage to hit a home run in almost every game, with the duo hitting one each against Hagu La'mun pitcher John Acosta. In a turn of events though, as Sufa always seemed to be able to score in every inning, in this game, they went scoreless for three innings, only rallying in the last inning when they scored 13 runs.

In Man Amigos' game, pitcher Derron Flores shut down the opposition for a run-ruled mercy game, with Momma Charo rounding the bases just once.

In just three innings, Man Amigos scored six runs in the first, four in the second, and nine in the third inning. Manny Sablan scored the lone home run for Man Amigos in the last inning and brought in four RBI's.

In the Tokahao and Aimeliik game, the former bested the latter, 11-5.

George David, Alvin Takai, and Jerome Delos Santos scored a home run each to extend their lead over Aimeliik.

Tokahao pitcher Ken Kaipat did his duty and helped his team to shut down Aimeliik in three innings, giving Tokahao the opportunity to run away with the win.

Asahi 16, Salty Boys 6

Asahi postponed another win for the Salty Boys as they defeated them, 16-6.

Darwin Masaharu and a teammate slammed a home run each for Asahi, while Salty Boys' Jack Cepeda hit one himself.

However, the Salty Boys were overpowered once again as they fell into three scoreless innings, with a last-minute effort to put runs on the board in the last inning. It wasn't enough as Asahi already secured the win in the fourth inning after putting up seven more runs.

With the win, Asahi is at 9-8, while the Salty Boys have lost 17 consecutive games.

Ngaraard Redmen 18, Peleliu 8

Ngaraard Redmen defeated Peleliu, 18-8, to boost their win total to 10 in the standings. Peleliu dug deeper into the trenches with their 7-9 record.

John Diaz of the Redmen kept Peleliu at bay even after giving up a home run to Alvin Salas who brought in four RBIs. Diaz managed to keep the damage to a minimum as Peleliu went scoreless against him in two innings.

Meanwhile, Diaz's offense had his back as they pelted Peleliu with run after run. In the fourth inning, the Redmen brought in eight runs and five in the next inning, with a home run from John Taitano.

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know he's gonna come back with a vengeance and I gotta be ready."

For the record, Ramsey said his win against Villanueva last Sunday was the first time he beat the Crowne Plaza Saipan tennis pro since they both were 14 years old.

"Well, I'm just so happy to be playing tennis at a higher competitive level," said the 2022 Pacific Nations Cup veteran, who thanked his family and CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Jeff Race for his victory in the men's singles 5.0.

Ramsey, who came in as the No. 1 seed, kicked off his campaign with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over David Kwon before following that up with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Race, his longtime coach.

Villanueva, meanwhile, blanked Nason Wessel, 6-0, 6-0, in his first match before the No. 2 seed eked out a 6-4, 4-6, 10-8 triumph against Tomas Abel, the No. 3 seed.

In the men's singles 4.0, La Hunn Lam grabbed his second

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Mount Carmel School student Siwoo Lee won the boys 14 division of the 2022 Tan Holdings Tennis Classic 2022. Lee also placed second in the men's 4.0 of the same tournament.

division championship after sweeping Si Woo Lee, 6-0, 6-0, in the finals.

Marlon Bercilla, meanwhile, won the men's singles 3.0 after overcoming John Kenneth Casauran, 6-3, 6-4, in the finals.

In the men's singles 40, Paul Jang took the cake after not dropping a set in the division, while top seed David Lai topped the men's singles 60.

Lam partnered with Henry Choi to win the men's doubles 4.0 after dispatching Wessel and June Yu, 7-57-6(2).

Bercilla won another title when he teamed up with J.R. Jacinto to top the men's doubles 3.0 following a 6-1, 6-4 win over Mamoru and Yutaka Kadokura.

Other winners include Bong Gamab and Ronnie Lacbayo in the men's doubles 40, Lacbayo and Roy Pangelinan in the men's doubles 50, and Jorge Orlanda and Joe Quitigua in the men's doubles 60.

Results of women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles will be reported in tomorrow's issue of *Saipan Tribune.*

The 2022 Tan Holdings Tennis Classic was sanctioned by the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association and its sponsors include Quality Distributors, ACS Trust, Mobil Oil Marianas, IT&E, Shirley's Coffee Shop, D&Q Saipan, Alliance Metal Specialists, TakeCare Insurance, All Star Sporting Goods, Tsang Brothers Corp., Docomo Pacific, McDonald's Guam and Saipan, MarPac, iShop, and Athletes Foot.

Shirley's stops Southern United in women's soccer

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Jhaza Mirano, right, from Shirley's Football Club goes up against a Southern United player in one of their games of the Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) Division A in the 2022 Dove Women's League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

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Shirley's Football Club stopped Southern United Football Club dead in their tracks, 2-0, in Week 4 of the Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) Division A in the 2022 Dove Women's League last Nov. 6 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Stephanie Lagunero easily found the back of the net two minutes into the game for an early lead against Southern United. Southern United women tried to step up and put one up for their team but to no avail.

Shirley's Mikayla Lopez sprinted her way to the goal in the second half for the team's second score, which was enough to seal the deal against Southern United who was unable to strike back.

Shirley's and Southern United are now both at 3-1 in the win-loss column.

In the last game of the night, MPU Football Club and Paire Football club ceased the game in suspended animation, 1-1. With this game, MPU is at the bottom with a 0-1-3 win-draw-loss standing, with Paire above them at 1-1-2.

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merous achievements and the people behind the federation's successes.

"The entire EAFF family is proud of the impressive progress of football in the Northern Marianas. This achievement would not be possible without the hard work of the NMIFA as well as the long-time solid support from the government and local football community," Du said.

"There is much to celebrate tonight. We should also congratulate our federation for the last 20 years of great success and the great progress from all our member associations. We have grown stronger together. And tonight, it is the strength of our friendship as well as football success that we celebrate," the EAFF president added.

Torres, meanwhile, marked the celebration of the EAFF 20th Anniversary and the NMIFA milestones with a toast, featuring "tuba," a local wine made from coconut water. Du, EAFF vice president Kozho Tashima and Hanjin Chun, EAFF Committee members Chris Wang, Ganbaatar Amgalanbaatar, Valentino San Gil, Jerry Tan, and Korea Football Association president Mong Gyu Chung joined the CNMI governor on stage for the ceremony. Congressman Sablan also acknowledged the EAFF, as he presented Du with a plaque of appreciation for the federation's continued support to NMI soccer.

Last Friday's festivities were EAFF's second, as the federation first celebrated its 20th anniversary in Tokyo, Japan in July this year. Tan expressed his deep appreciation to the EAFF family for sharing the momentous occasion to NMI and the islands' soccer community.

"It means a lot to us for the EAFF family to come down and visit not just to celebrate this anniversary but also to take a look at what we have done for NMI soccer," Tan said.

The NMIFA president also rallied the NMI soccer stakeholders to thank the EAFF, as its never ending and unconditional support is the reason why the NMIFA continues to grow its program, develop players, and expand its facilities. ***(PR)***

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throughout the year."

Run Saipan also announced details about the Half Marathon race course, which will start at Sugar Dock, go past the AK Saipan dealership where AK will host hydration and nourishment stations, and end at Banzai Cliff. The event will also incorporate a commemorative 5.5K Fun Run in honor of AK's 55-year legacy serving the people of the Marianas. AK will host two stations, one for each race, and a cheering station.

AK president Alex Yap stated, "AK Saipan is fully engaged to help bring the quality of our brands into this inaugural event. The 5.5K Fun Run will be an extra special event for us, and we invite our customers from the region to join us and support this wonderful event that Run Saipan has developed to grow the sport and bring visitors to the islands."

The Saipan Half Marathon and 5.5K Fun Run will be the main draw to the event, and organizers noted that they have scheduled packet pick-up for Dec. 7 at the Atkins Kroll Toyota showroom. On race day, the festivities will begin at 6:30am for the Half Marathon and 6:30am for the 5.5K Fun Run. After the race, runners will be treated to refreshments, live entertainment, raffle drawings, and an awards ceremony.

All finishers will receive their medals when they cross the finish line. Half Marathon participants will receive a finisher's T-shirt, and the first 300 finishers of the 5.5K Fun Run will receive a T-shirt. Champion medals will be awarded to the Top 3 male and female in each Half Marathon race division and to the top male and female finisher in the 5.5K Fun Run.

Early bird registration is available now through Race Roster, the event's registration site, by searching for the Run Saipan Holiday Half Marathon. Early bird fees of $25 for the Half Marathon and $15 for the 5K Fun Run will be available through Nov. 19. Interested runners are encouraged to take advantage of the savings today.

Dela Cruz added, "Our event will be the first to work with ONETIME Australia on the timing for the event, and we will be utilizing their new chip design that loops through the runners' laces."

Both races will be fully sanctioned competitive races by Northern Marianas Athletics, an official member of World Athletics the regulatory body of track and field.

Run Saipan thanks the event's supporters NMA, Saipan International School, and Marianas Visitors Authority. The community is invited to attend the races and cheer on runners.

For more information about the races, contact Ron Snyder at runsaipan@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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EAFF shares 20th anniversary celebration to NMI

The East Asian Football Federation marked the 20th EAFF Anniversary Celebration in the Northern Mariana Islands with a cultural display, milestones recognition, and a grateful heart.

The celebration opened with a video presentation showing the EAFF milestones in the last two decades. The EAFF also highlighted the region's domination of the AFC Asian Cups for men's and women's at the senior and age group levels and the continued development of the game, facilities, and players in East Asia.

EAFF president Du Zhaocai, EAFF Executive Committee members, staff, and guests, and local dignitaries, which include Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan (D-MP), then watched the local dance group, Simiyan Marianas, perform "Bendision" (blessing) to kick off the celebration last Friday night at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan. Northern Mariana Islands Football Association officials, led by its president Jerry Tan, NMIFA club members, and other stakeholders in NMI soccer also graced the important occasion.

Du, in his speech, recognized the NMIFA for its nu-

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, center, proposes a toast to celebrate the East Asian Football Federation 20th Anniversary and is joined by, from left, Chinese-Taipei Football Association's Chris Wang, EAFF vice president Hanjin Chun, Mongolian Football Federation president Ganbaatar Amgalanbaatar, EAFF president Du Zhaocai, EAFF vice president Kozho Tashima, Guam Football Association president Valentino San Gil, Korean Football Association president Chung Mong-gyu, and NMIFA president Jerry Tan in the ceremony held last Friday at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

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Colin Ramsey in action against Moris Villanueva in the men's open singles finals of the 2022 Tan Holdings Tennis Classic last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Colin over Moris in men's open singles

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Colin Ramsey got the better of his friendly rivalry with Moris Villanueva to win the men's open singles of the 2022 Tan Holdings Tennis Classic last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

The 22-year-old CNMI national tennis player outlasted Villanueva in a super tiebreaker after the two former junior players split the first two sets to win the championship, 6-3, 3-6, 10-6.

Ramsey, who bagged a gold medal in the men's team division of the 2022 Mini Games, gave kudos to Villanueva for a well played championship match.

"He's always been a tough competitor. We've been playing since we were 12 together. It's just so nice to have him play in the tournament. I had to convince him I said, 'Morris, let's join. You know, I really like to play against you again.' And we practiced a lot and this is why I knew it was gonna be a tough match, especially with the heat and the rain. It made it all the more difficult for us. It was mentally challenging, physically challenging. But, you know, I won't count him out in the next tournament. I

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Atkins Kroll sponsors Holiday Half Marathon

Run Saipan announced yesterday that it has teamed up with Atkins Kroll Saipan to launch the inaugural Run Saipan Holiday Half Marathon event scheduled for Dec. 10, 2022.

AK Saipan has signed on as the event's sole and presenting sponsor to commemorate the company's 55th anniversary in the Marianas.

The Run Saipan Holiday Half Marathon is a point-to-point 21K race from Sugar Dock to Banzai Cliff on Saipan.

Run Saipan, a nonprofit running organization established in August 2021, began conceptualizing the event last year and has solidified plans for the Saipan Half Marathon to become an annual sports tourism event to attract runners and visitors from Asia, Micronesia, and beyond.

Edward Dela Cruz Jr., president of Run Saipan, said, "We at Run Saipan are excited to partner with AK to bring a new staple running event to the Marianas. The goal isn't to take away from the Saipan Marathon but to complement it. It's spaced almost half a year away to give runners a choice between the full and the half in the spring. One of our overall goals is to give people as many chances and incentives to come out and be active through the sport of athletics. We are beyond happy that AK can join us and help us with our mission and goals. This holiday half marathon is basically the Super Bowl culmination of all our races

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Run Saipan announced Atkins Kroll Saipan as the presenting sponsor for the inaugural Run Saipan Holiday Half Marathon and 5.5K Fun Run yesterday at the AK Saipan showroom in Oleai. From left, Run Saipan secretary/treasurer Dr. Ron Snyder, Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr., AK Saipan president Alex Yap, and AK Saipan sales manager Kevin Barnes.